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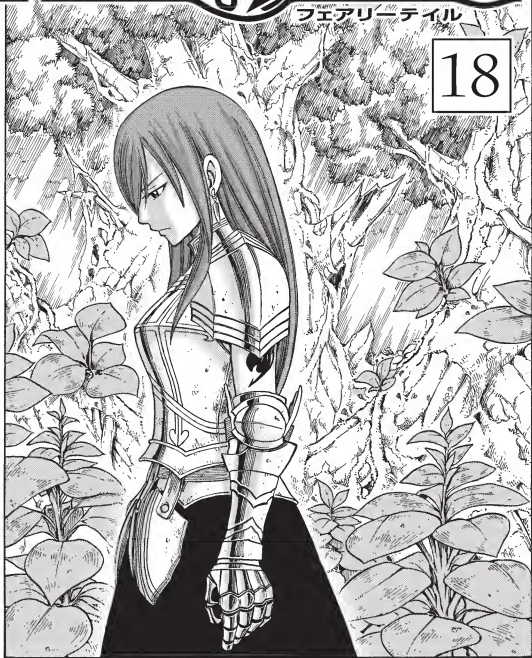


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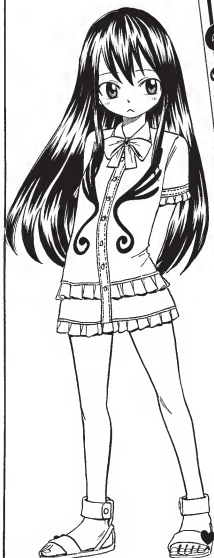
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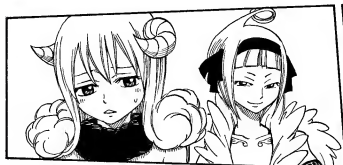
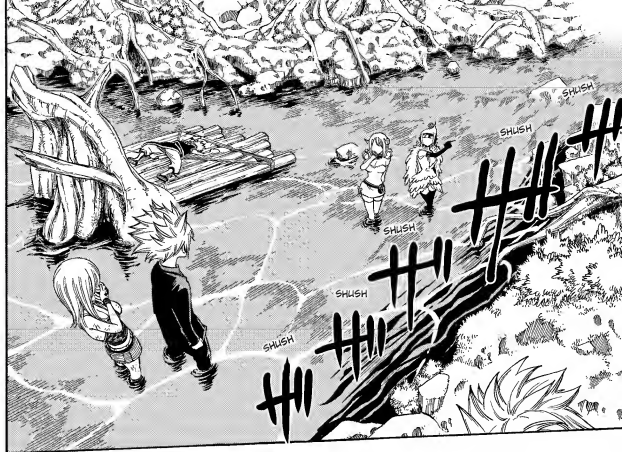
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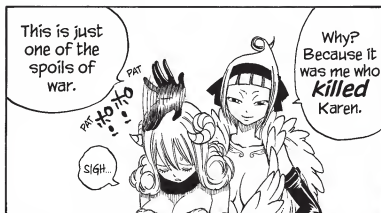


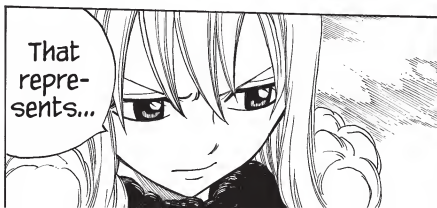
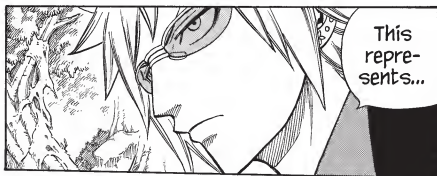
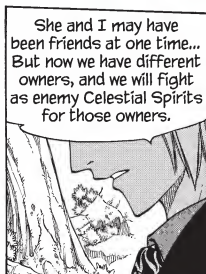
Remarks

This young member of the wizard guild Cait Shelter is a Sky Dragon Slayer Wizard. She learned how to heal wounds from a dragon. Her magic comes from air; the cleaner the air, the stronger the magic. In polluted air, her magic doesn't work at all. Seven years ago, the dragon that raised her, Grandeeney, went missing, just like the dragons who trained Natsu and Gajeel. When she heard rumors of Natsu, she felt she needed to meet him, so she volunteered for this mission. For Wendy, who is usually extremely shy, volunteering took a huge amount of courage.

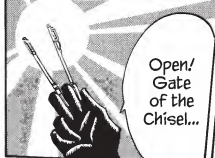
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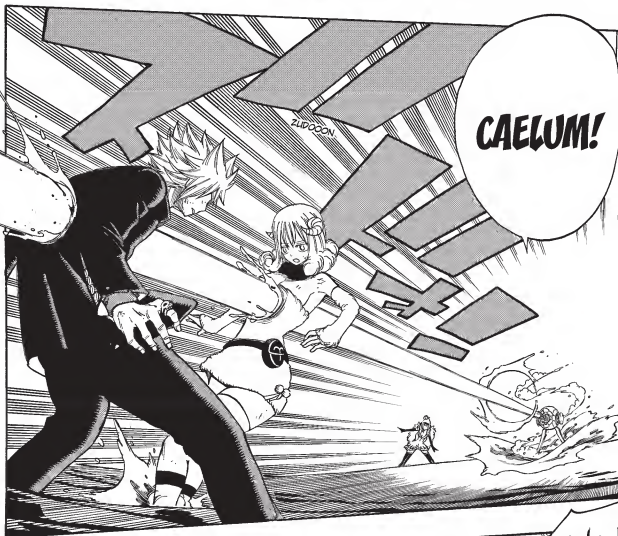
Open!
Gate
of the
Chisel...



CHING

Right!

No... I
suppose she
is a bad match
for a battle-use
Celestial Spirit
like Loke...

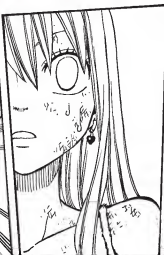


CAELUM!

ZLDOON



Ah ha ha!!
Nicely
done!



Ngh



Gah!

You've Found a good owner...

I'm so glad...

Forgive me, Lucy...



She did that to her own spirit!!

Mmmmm! ♡
And now you
won't be able
to use your Oh-
so-powerful Leo
for a long, long
time!

Did you see
that? I just
did a Simulta-
neous Release
of two Spirits
at the same
time!

Mmmmm! ♡
And now you
won't be able
to use your Oh-
so-powerful Leo
for a long, long
time!

Did you see
that? I just
did a Simulta-
neous Release
of two Spirits
at the same
time!

And you call yourself a Celestial Wizard ?!!!

They have senses and emotions!

But they feel pain ...



They have senses and emotions!

But they feel pain ...



What's not to believe? They're spirits. They don't die, so what's the problem?

I don't believe it...

What's not to believe? They're spirits. They don't die, so what's the problem?

I don't believe it...

MOOO!!!!

Open,
gate of
the Golden
Bovine
Palace!!!
Taurus!!!

MOOO!!!!

Open,
gate of
the Golden
Bovine
Palace!!!
Taurus!!!

MOO-HOO !!!

You don't have much magic power to start with, and there you go using it all up.

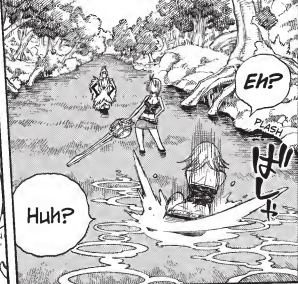


I...



HAHH
HAHH

Huh?

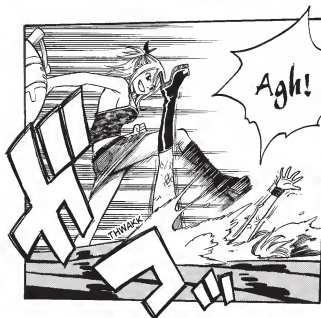


Eh?

PLASH

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Agh!



THWACK

That can't be true...



HAHH

HAHH

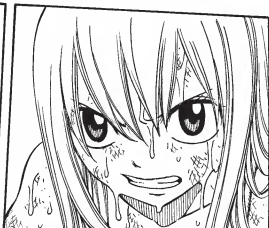
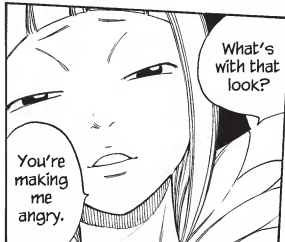
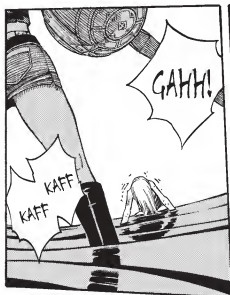
Ah ha
ha ha
ha!

Ahh!

Ow—

Now you've gone and killed yourself. What an absolute fool!









Let her be
together with
Loke...

The only ones
who can give
them that is
us Celestial
Wizards. Just
us...



I'll give you
whatever you
want... Not
my keys,
but anything
else!!!



With
nothing
in it for
me?

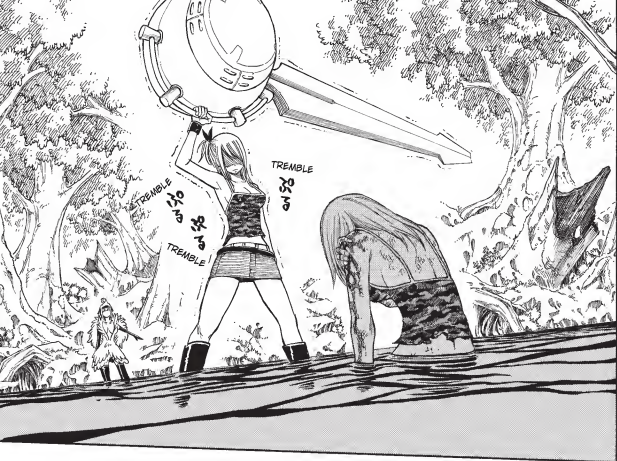


Gemini,
kill her.

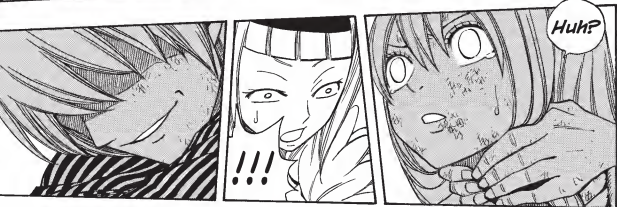
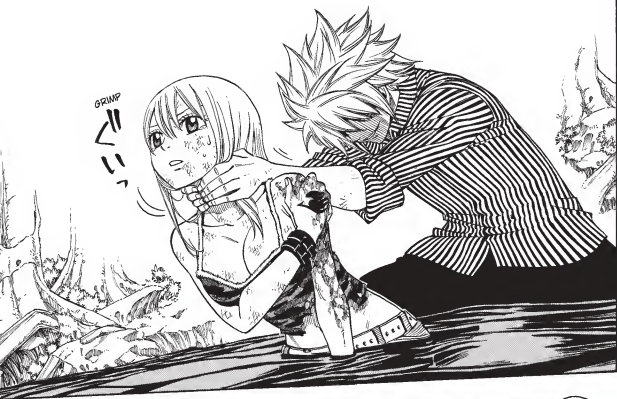


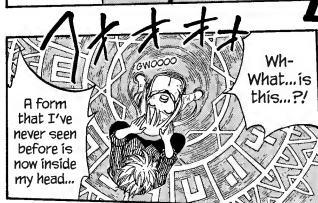
Fine.
Your
life.

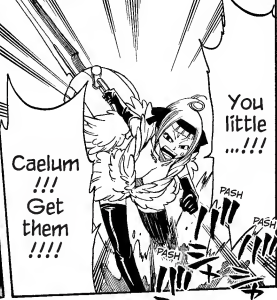














A
A
A
A
A
!!

URANO
METEORIA
!!!!

BOOM

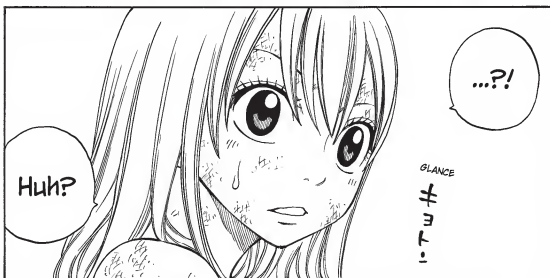
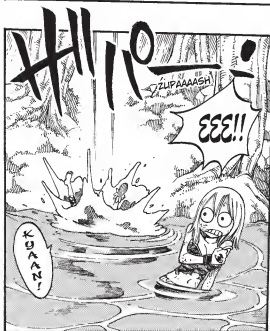
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KEEN

KEEN

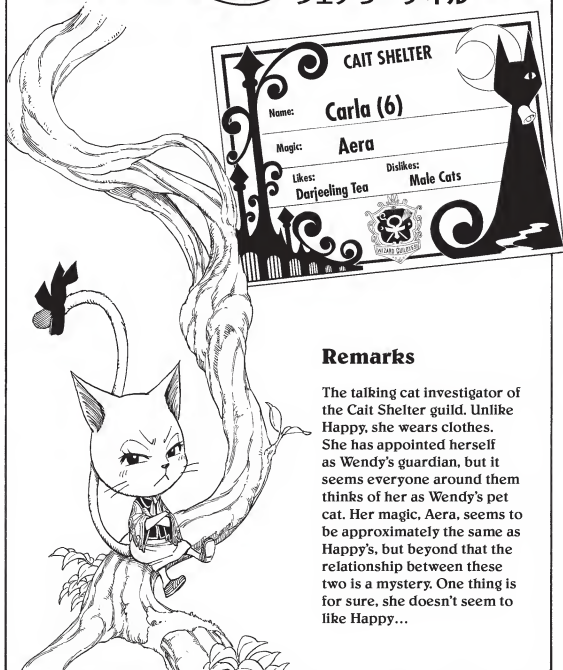
DAM

DAM



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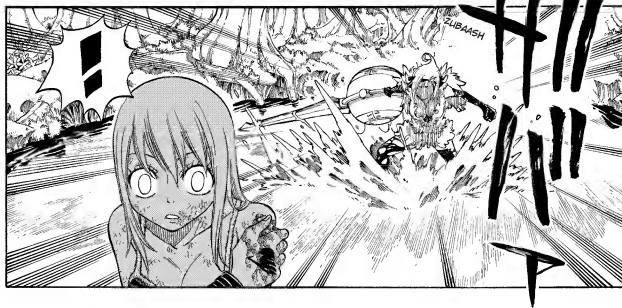
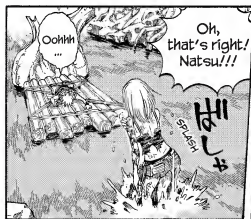
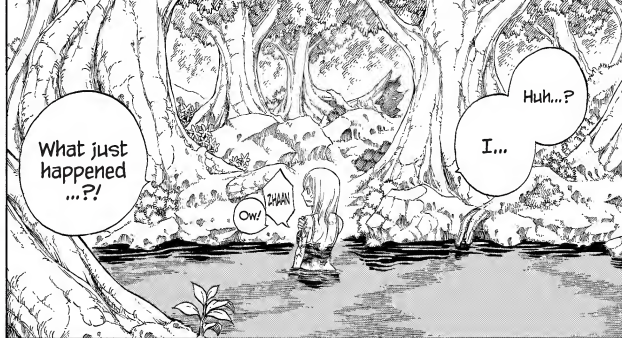
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Remarks

The talking cat investigator of the Cait Shelter guild. Unlike Happy, she wears clothes. She has appointed herself as Wendy's guardian, but it seems everyone around them thinks of her as Wendy's pet cat. Her magic, Aera, seems to be approximately the same as Happy's, but beyond that the relationship between these two is a mystery. One thing is for sure, she doesn't seem to like Happy...

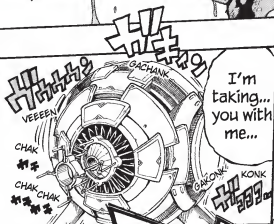
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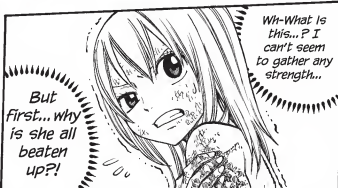


We...
can...
not...
lose...

The
Oración
Seis...can...
not...lose
...

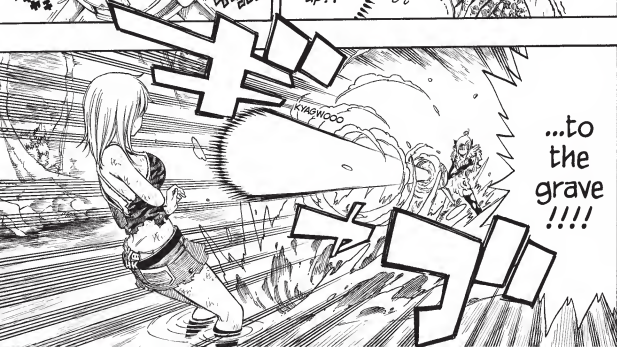


I'm
taking...
you with
me...

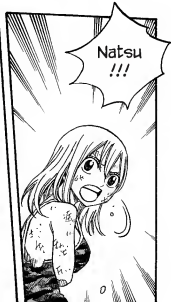
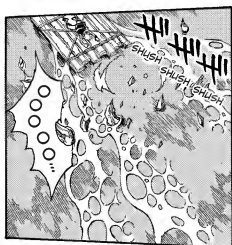


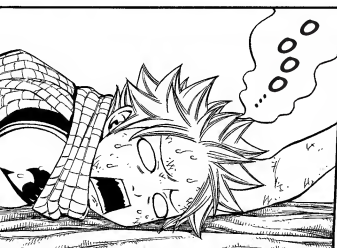
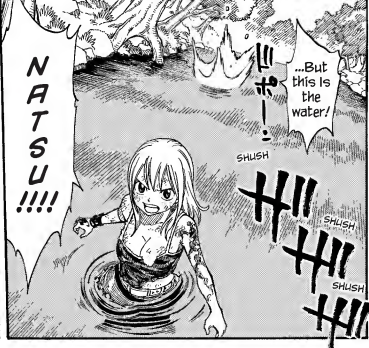
Wh-What is
this...? I
can't seem
to gather any
strength...

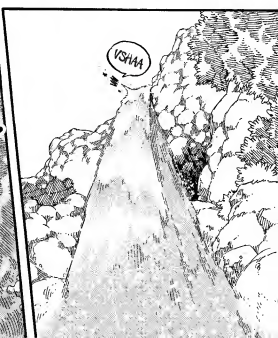
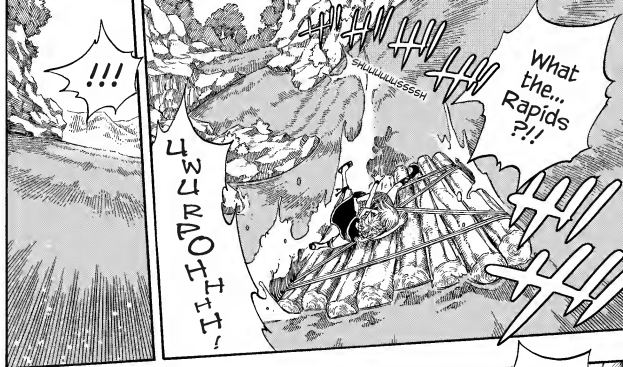
But
first... why
is she all
beaten
up?!

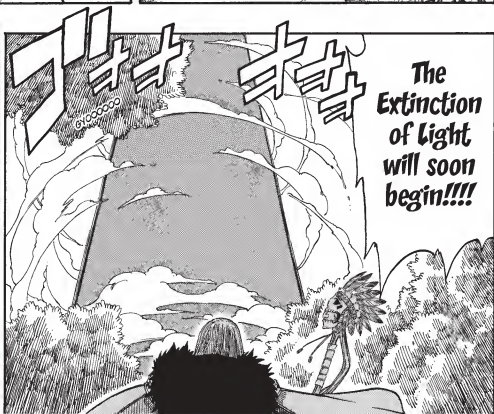


...to
the
grave
!!!!

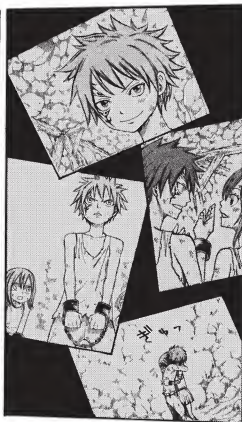
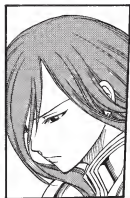




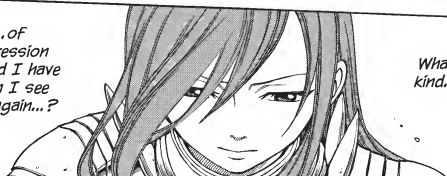




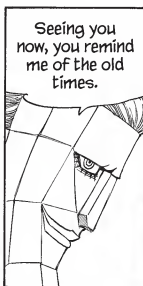
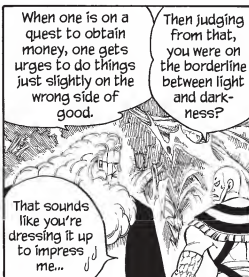


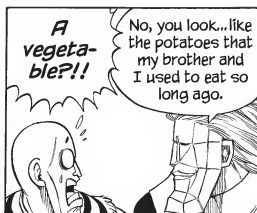
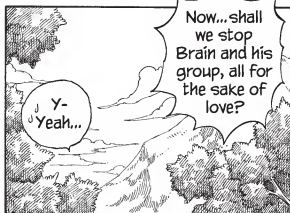


...of
expression
should I have
when I see
him again...?

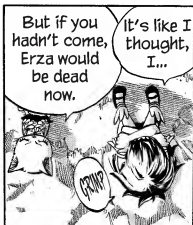


What
kind...









But one day, he said something odd...



So the two of us spent about a month together, wandering.



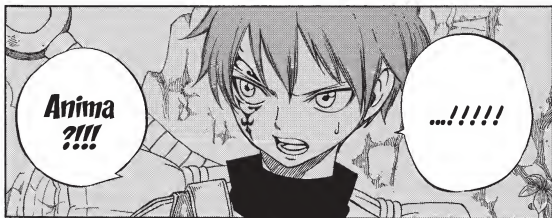
Or maybe that's not quite right, since **he** was lost too.

That was when Jellal saved me.



**Anima
?!!!**

...!!!!



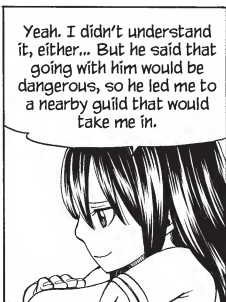
Then... What happened to Jellal?

The guild was Cait Shelter.

I never saw him again.

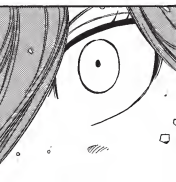


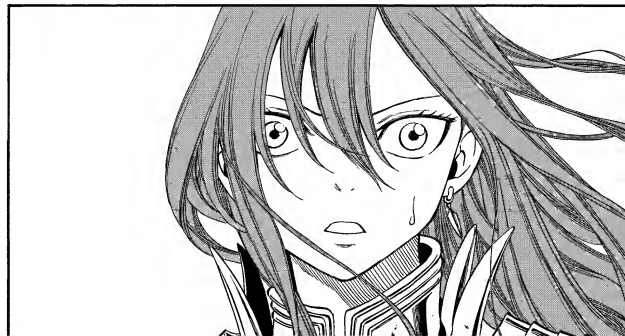
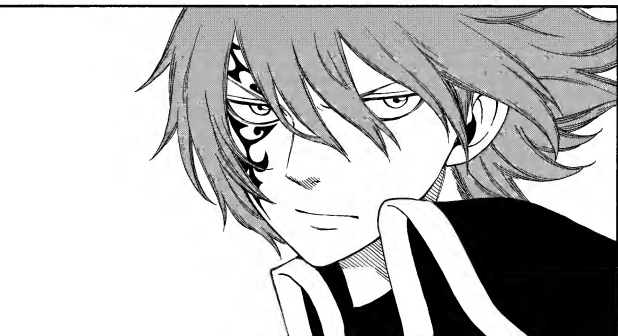
Yeah. I didn't understand it, either... But he said that going with him would be dangerous, so he led me to a nearby guild that would take me in.

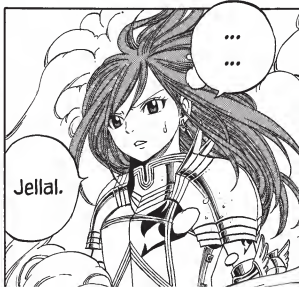
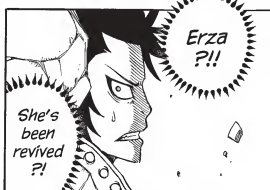


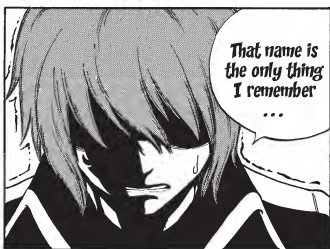
Anima?

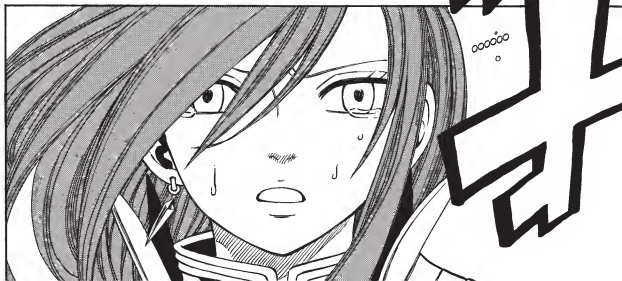












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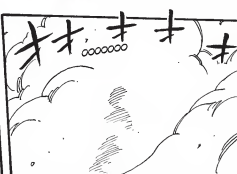
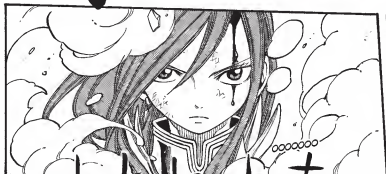




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Chapter 146: You Are Free





**I AM
ERZA.**

**COME
TO ME!**

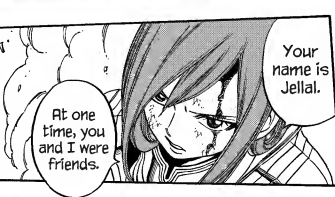


D...

Don't
come...
any
closer
...

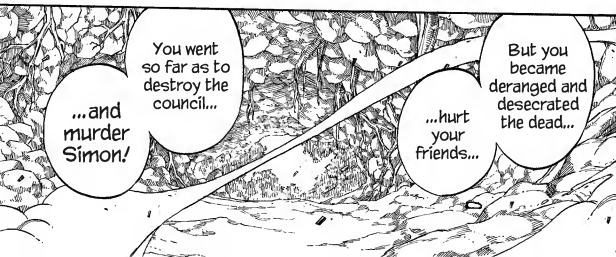


Then you
come to
me.



Your
name is
Jellal.

At one
time, you
and I were
friends.



You went
so far as to
destroy the
council...

...and
murder
Simon!

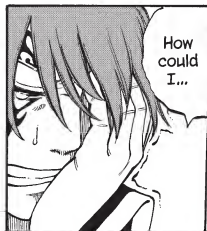
...hurt
your
friends...

But you
became
deranged and
desecrated
the dead...



If you think you
can get away
with forgetting
that, I will stab
my sword into
your heart and
slice it into
pieces!!!!

**Come
here!!!!
Come
stand
before
me!!!!**



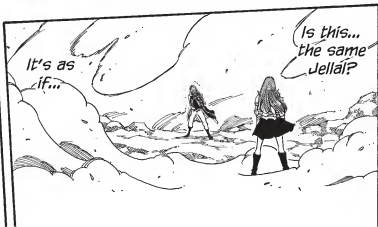
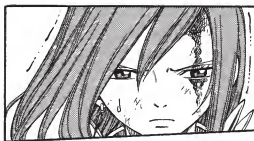
How
could
I...



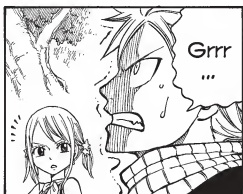
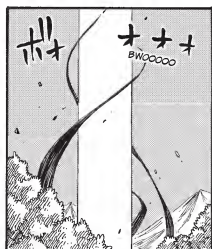
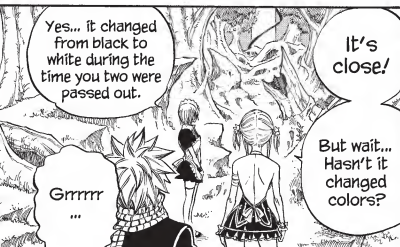
...my
friends
...

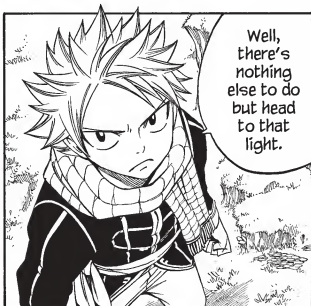
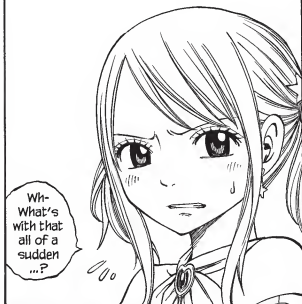
I
hurt...













Could it be that my magic power right now is at... zero ?!!



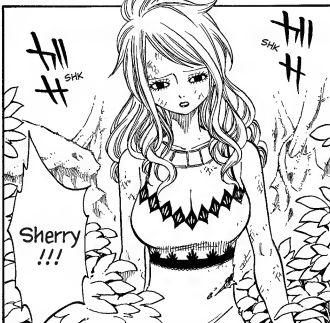
Just now...she passed through her gate using her own magic power...



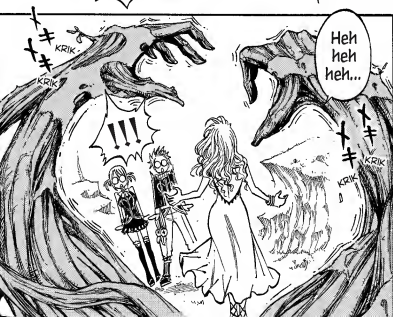
Thank goodness you're okay!

Hey, didn't I see you on Galuna ...?

How far back do you need to be updated?!

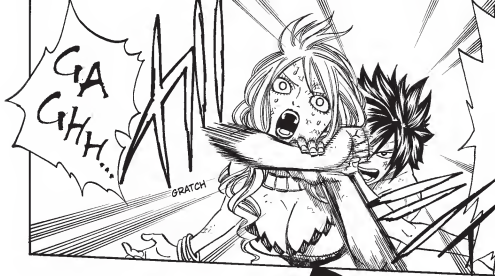


Sherry !!!

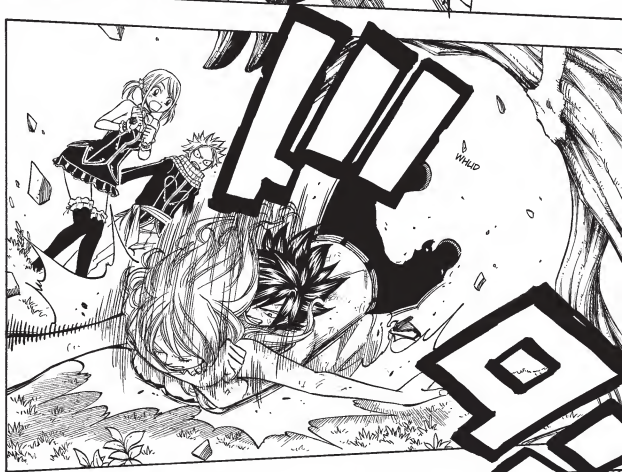


Heh heh heh...

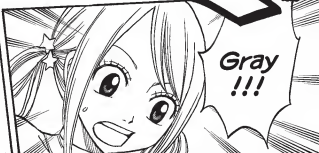




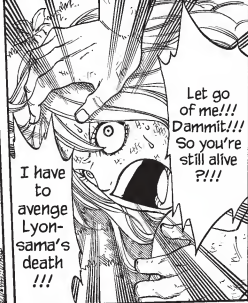
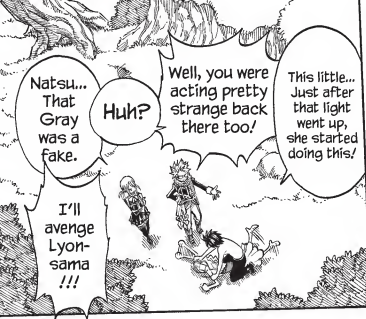
*You
little
idiot
!!!!*



You
guys
okay?!



*Gray
!!!*





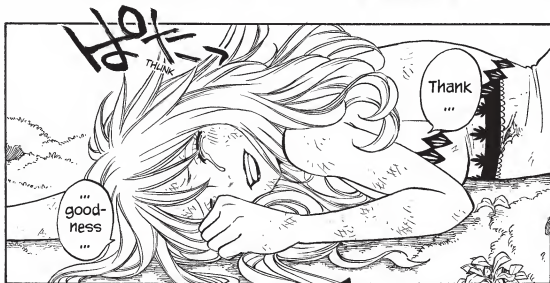
That's nothing to get mad at.

What did you say ?!!

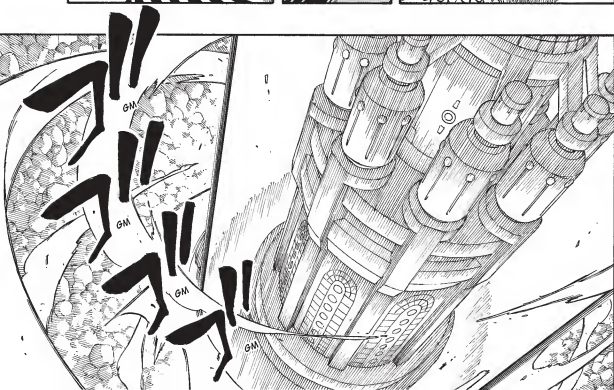
Not as hard as you guys.

He's one hard-to-kill creep!

Lyon-sama...



...Nirvana.





That'd
explain why
I can't hear
your heart's
voice.

It makes a lot of sense that you don't got memories.



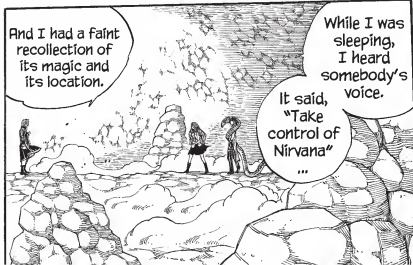
Ora-
ción
Seís!



And...why'd
you break
Nirvana's
seal?



How'd
you get
all the
way
here?



And I had a faint recollection of its magic and its location.

While I was
sleeping,
I heard
somebody's
voice.

It said,
"Take
control of
Nirvana"





Something
that should
never fall
into others'
hands.

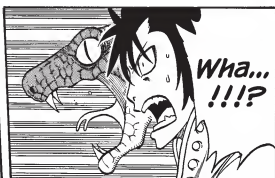
It's a very
dangerous
magic.



The only way
to destroy it
was to first
break its
seal.



You say it's
to *destroy*
Nirvana?



Wha...
!!!?



You
creep!!!!
What did
you do?!!

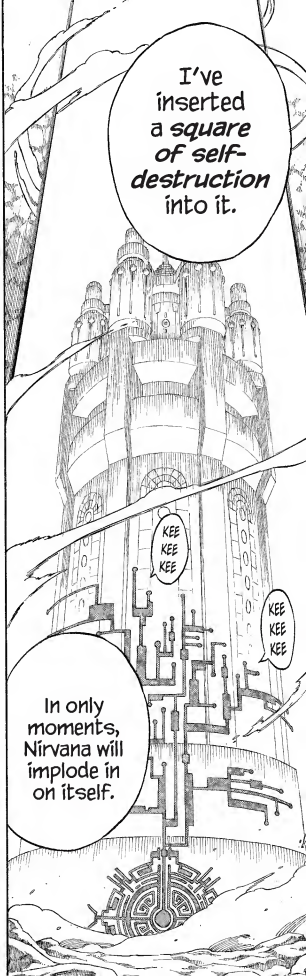


Dammit
!!!

Only I
know the
code to
stop it.



Jellal...

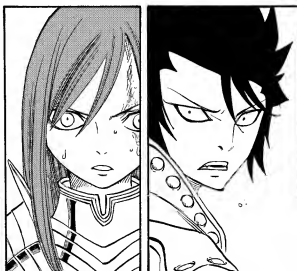
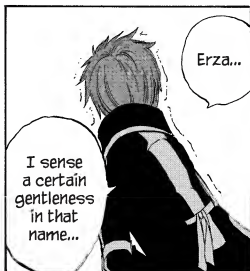
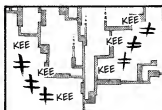
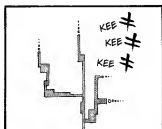


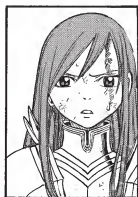
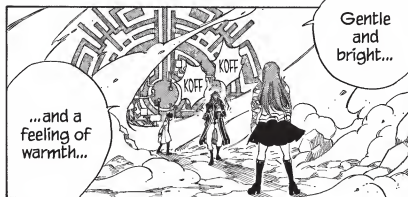
I've
inserted
a *square*
of self-
destruction
into it.

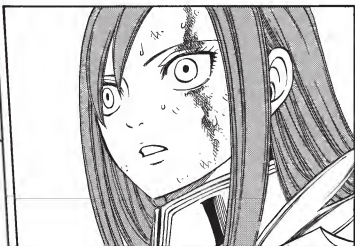
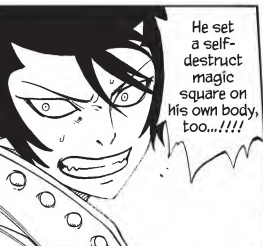
KEE
KEE
KEE

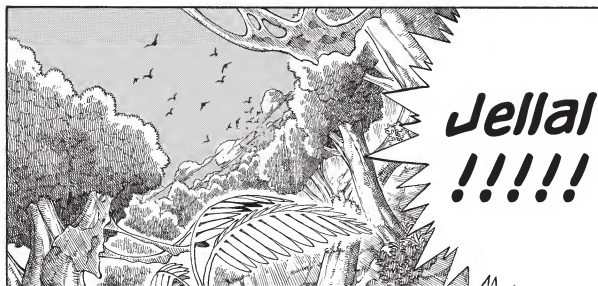
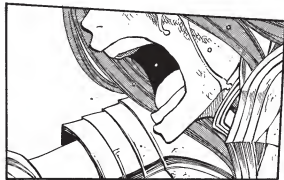
KEE
KEE
KEE

In only
moments,
Nirvana will
implode in
on itself.











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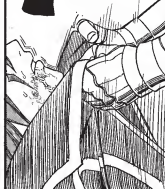
Does he think he can take the shut-off code to the magic square with him to the grave?!



KEE
KEE
KEE
KEE

KEE
KEE
KEE

GRMP
ZU



You have crimes to pay for!!!!

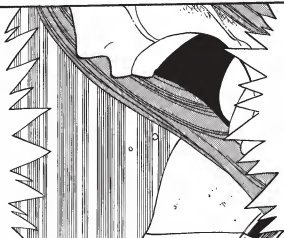


I will not allow you to die like this!!!!



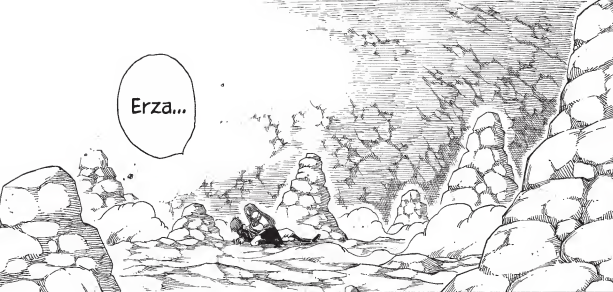
I WILL NOT ALLOW IT!!!!

Don't imagine that you can go without paying the penalty for the people you've hurt!!!!



Remember them!!!! Don't even think you can rest in peace not knowing anything of your crimes!!!!







*A Square
of Self-
Destruction*

...

ORACIÓN SEIS
BRAIN



This is
bad!!! We just
got Nirvana
started, and
if we don't do
something,
it's going to
be destroyed
!!!

Jellal
started
this
thing
going!!!

At one time,
I worked at
the Ministry
of Magical
Development.

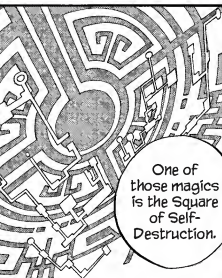


Perhaps you
know why my
code name is
another word for
the mind.

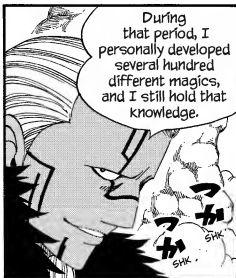
You may
relax,
Cobra.



One of
those magics
is the Square
of Self-
Destruction.



During
that period, I
personally developed
several hundred
different magics,
and I still hold that
knowledge.



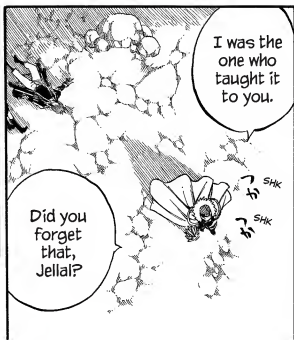
WHOOOSH

I have no
need of
a cancel
code.



I was the
one who
taught it
to you.

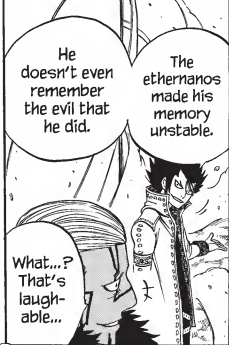
Did you
forget
that,
Jellal?





**I
claim
Nirvana
for
myself
!!!!**

**Ah ha ha
ha ha!!!!
How
pitiful of
you,
Jellal!!!!**



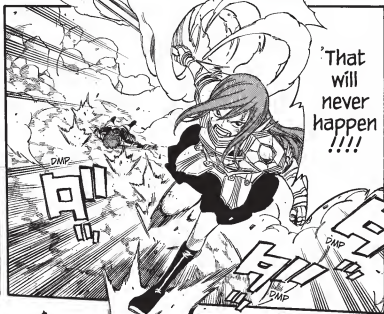
He
doesn't even
remember
the evil that
he did.

The
ethernanos
made his
memory
unstable.

What...?
That's
laugh-
able...



**Awaken!!
Nirvana!!!**



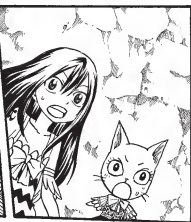
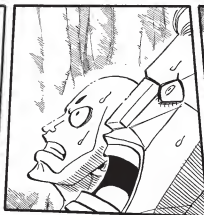
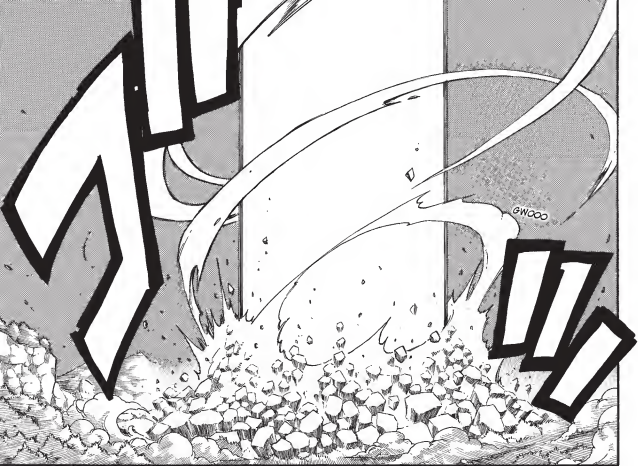
**'That
will
never
happen
!!!!**

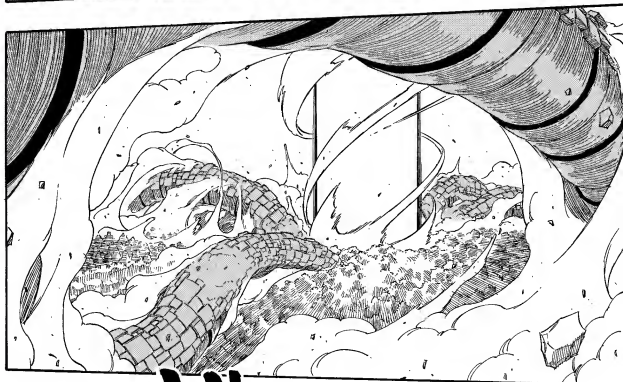


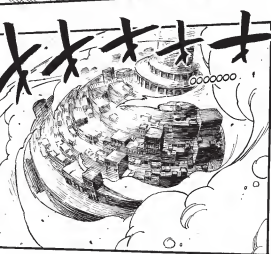
**Erza
!!!!**

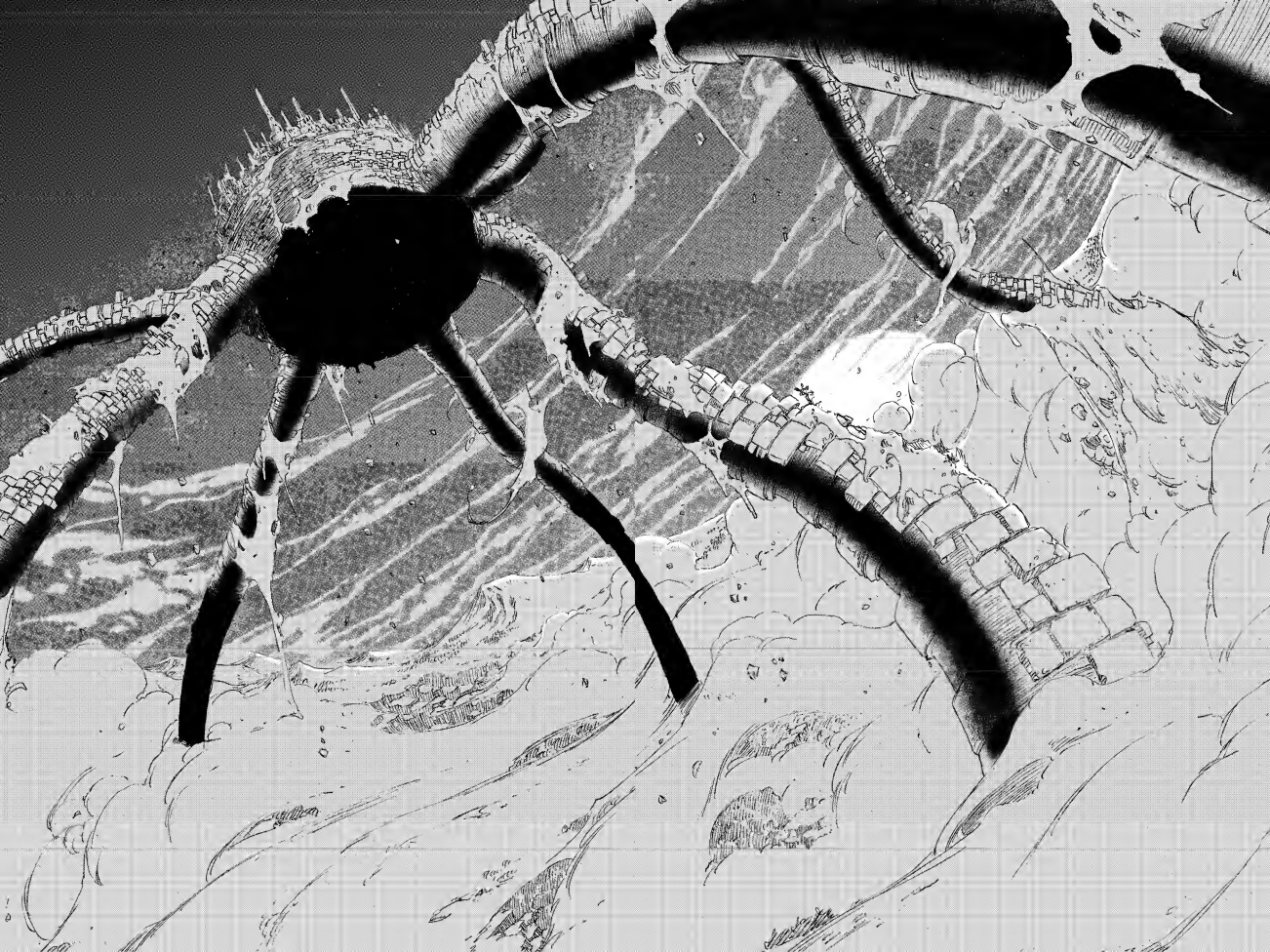












The
ultimate
weapon in the
Extinction of
Light!

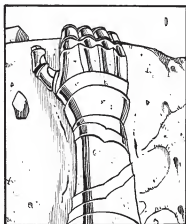
Hyper-
Reversal
Magic,
Nirvana!!!!

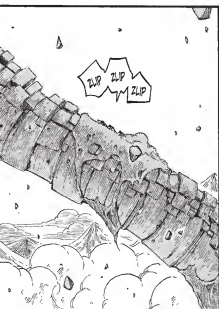
Finally
...!!!

Finally,
it is
mine
!!!!

And
now...
they will be
rendered
useless!!!!

Trust and soli-
darity are the
official guilds'
greatest
weapons...



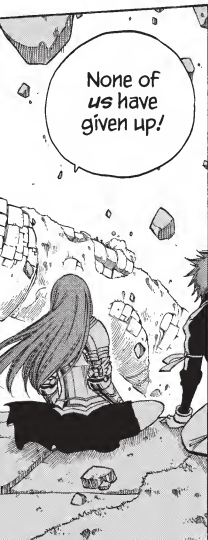




Carla!!!
We're
going that
way!!!



None of
us have
given up!



Hang on
tight!!!



Yes!!!

Go
on...
Fairy
Tail!

If anyone
can stop
it, you
can!





Our hopes
are all tied
together!

うおおおおお

UWOOOHH!

GRACH

Once I'm
at the top,
I'm punching
this thing's
lights out!

GRACH

GRACH

By the way,
what's with
the match-
ing out-
fits?

GRACH

How
should I
know?!!

SLUMP



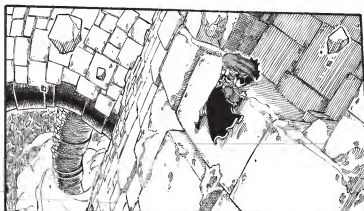
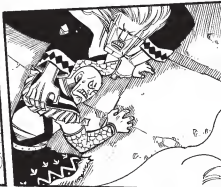
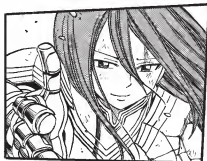
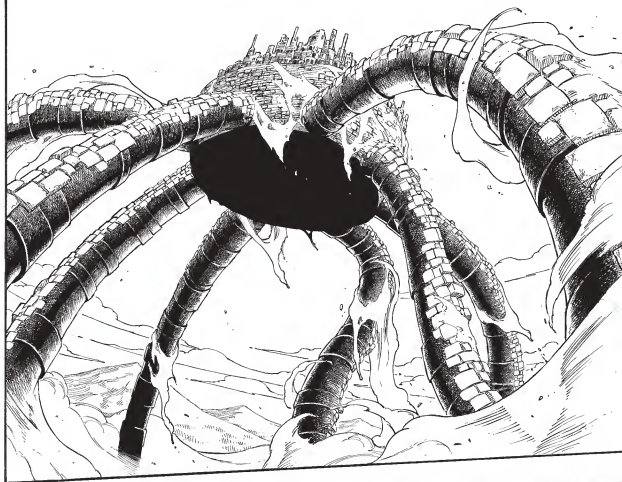
Jellal!

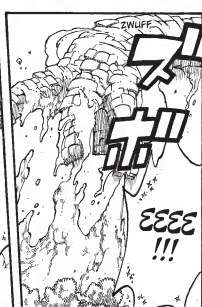
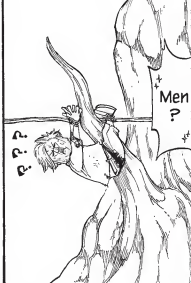


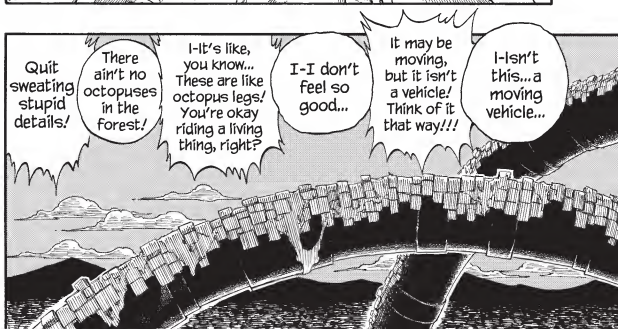
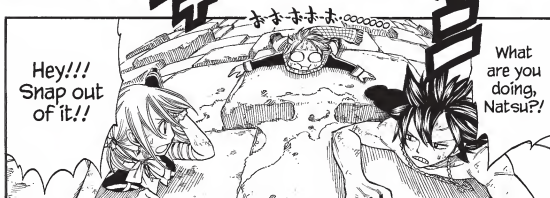
Live and find
out what
happens
next.



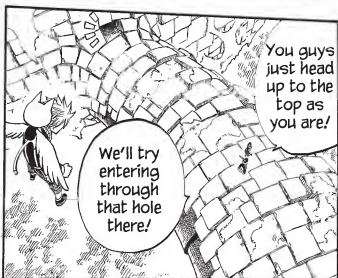
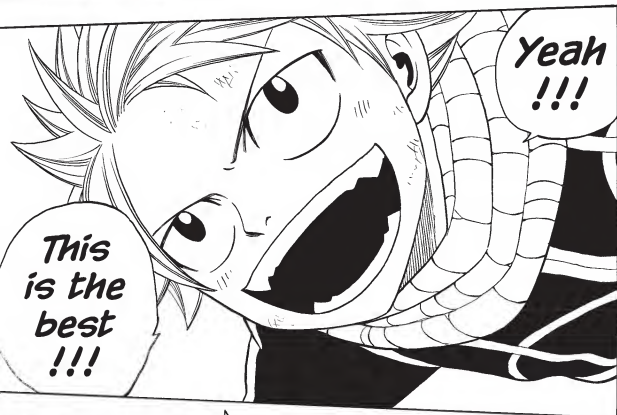
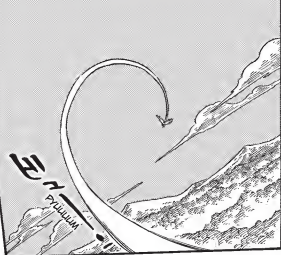
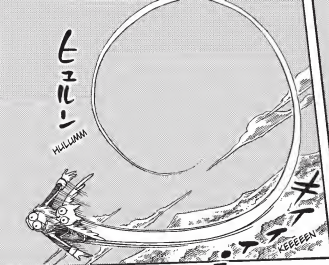
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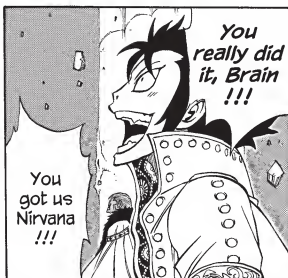
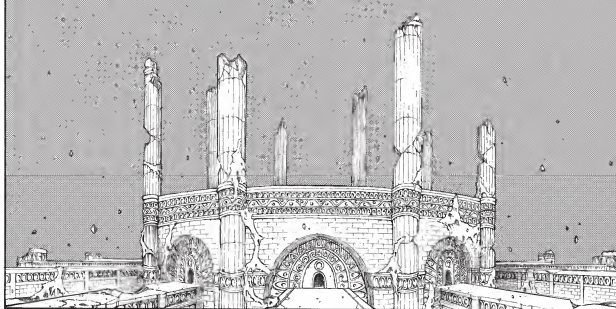


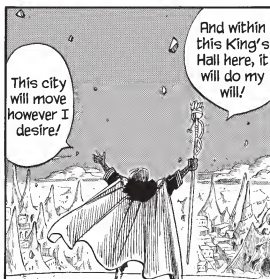
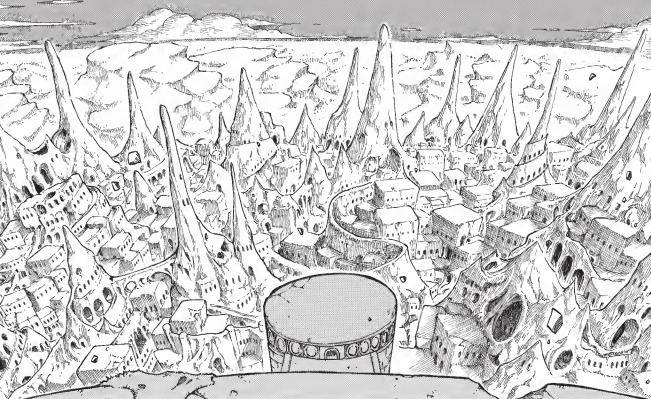












This city will move however I desire!

And within this King's Hall here, it will do my will!



A city of the ancients!

This is indeed the true form of Nirvana!



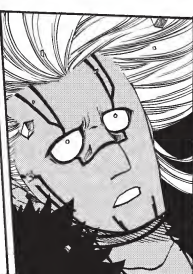
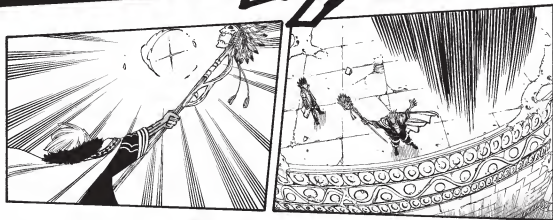
That guild!



We cannot reach our target from where we are.

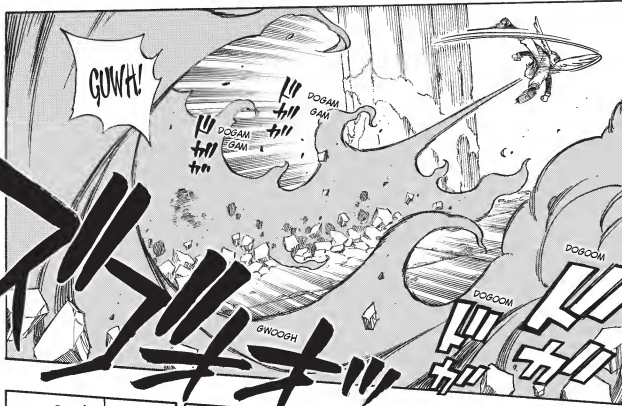
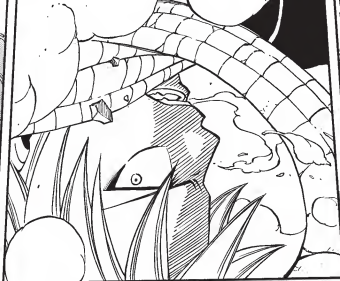
Move...? So is this thing going somewhere?

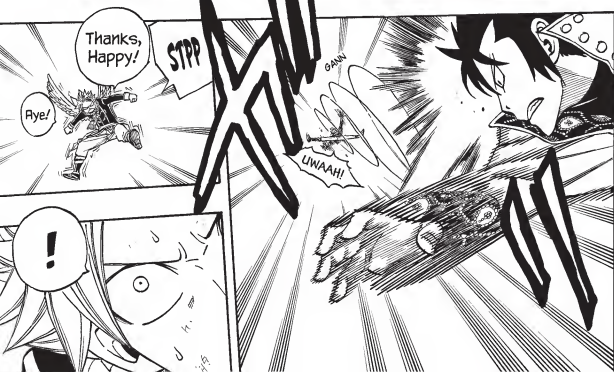
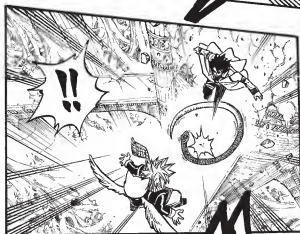
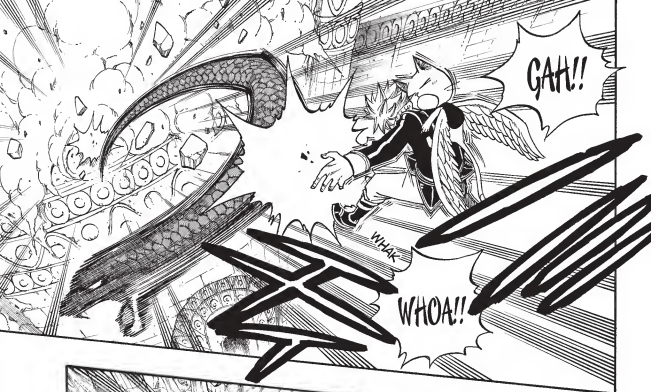
**And turn
our dark-
ness into
light!!!!**

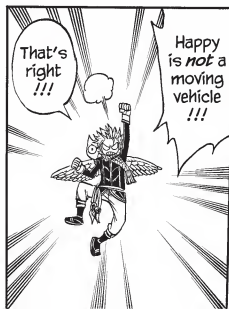


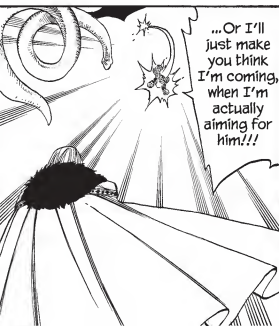
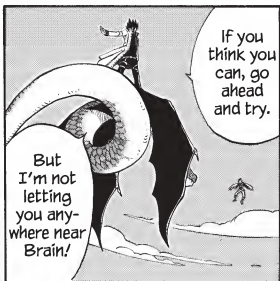
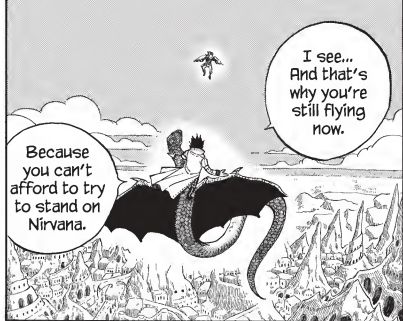


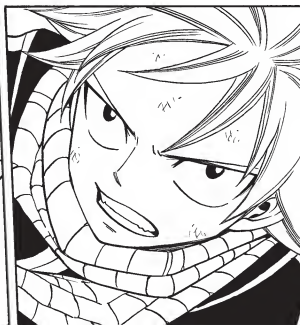
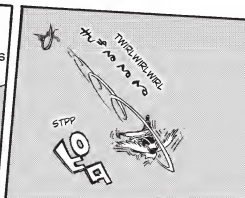
**I'M
GONNA
STOP
YOUUUU
!!!!**

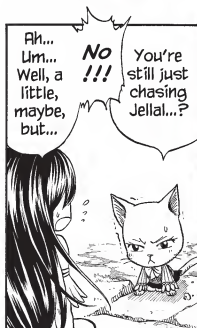
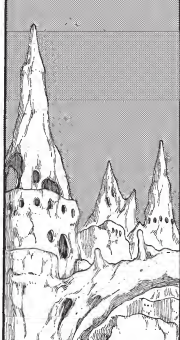
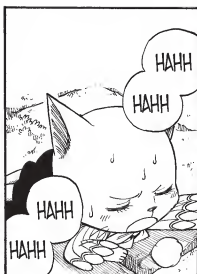


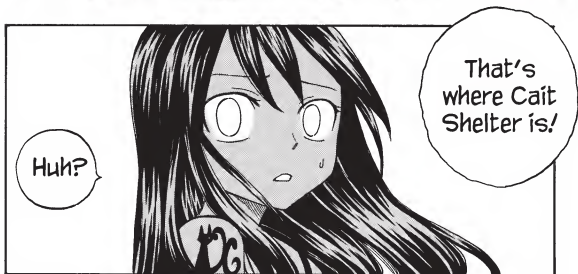
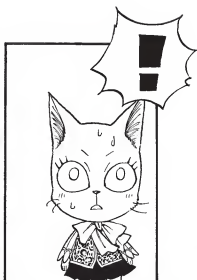
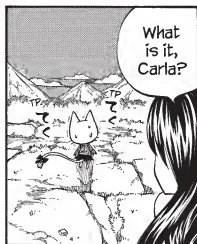












FAIRY TAIL



Chapter 149: The Super Aerial Battle!! Natsu vs. Cobra



Dammit!
He's in the way!

A black and white manga panel showing an aerial battle. Natsu is in the foreground, looking determined. In the background, Cobra is flying through the air, and other characters are visible in the distance. The setting appears to be a rocky, mountainous landscape.

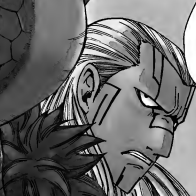
Well, when
we're a team,
nobody can
beat us,
Natsu!



Heh
heh
heh...

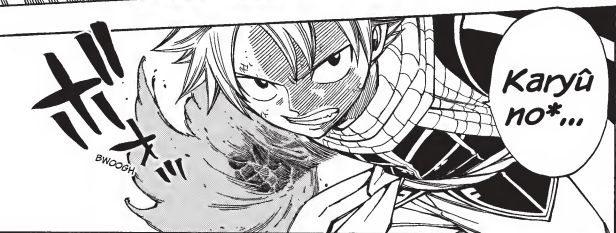
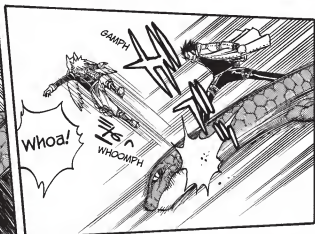
A black and white manga panel showing Natsu standing on the back of a large snake, Cobra. Natsu is looking down with a smug expression. Cobra is coiled around him. The background is a simple, light-colored wall.

SHLUM



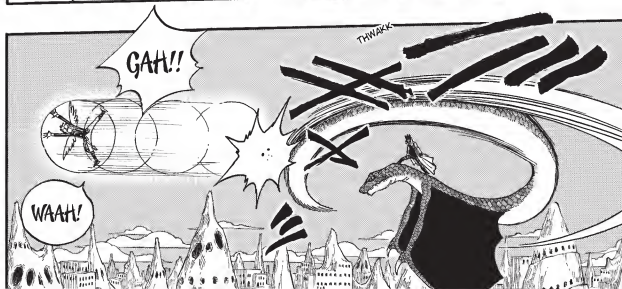
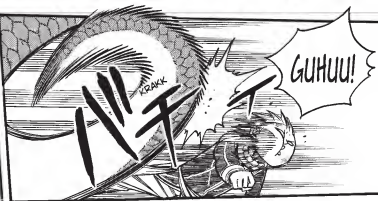
Cobra,
finish them
off.

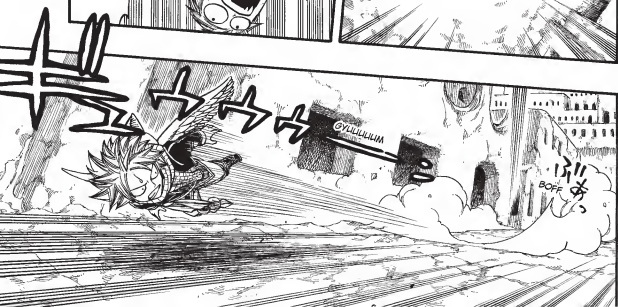
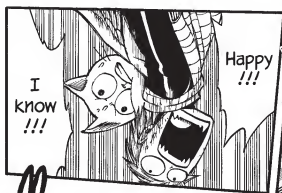
A black and white manga panel showing a close-up of Cobra's face. He has a determined and somewhat menacing expression. He is looking towards the left. The background is dark and indistinct.

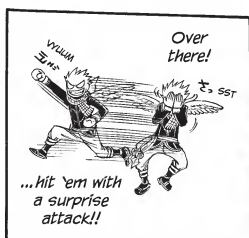
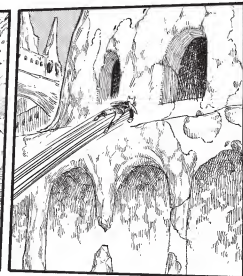
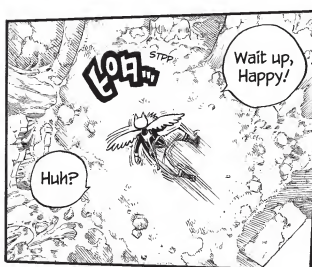
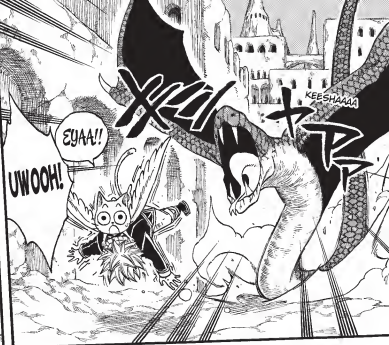
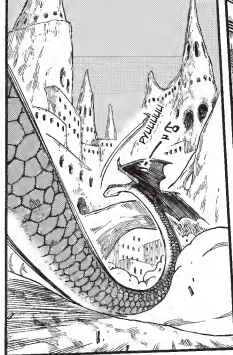


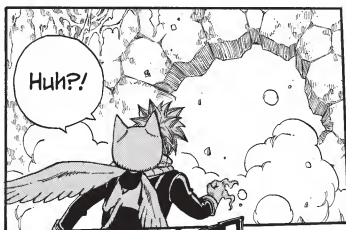


Iron Fist!!!











It's like
a city,
huh?

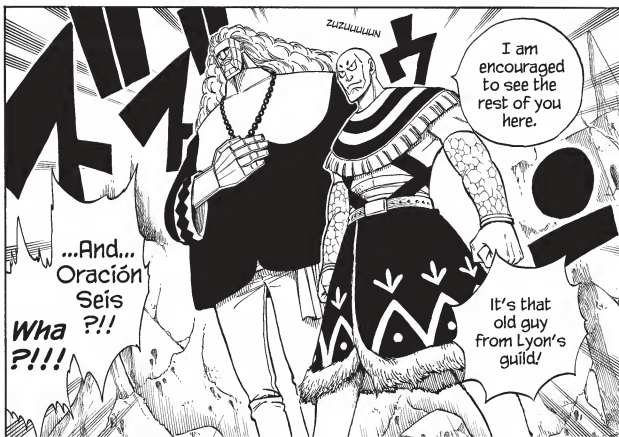
What
is this
place?



It is the
City of
Illusions.

!!

That is
exactly it.



I am
encouraged
to see the
rest of you
here.

...And...
Oración
Seis

Wha
?!!
?!!!

It's that
old guy
from Lyon's
guild!



Did the old guy use some sort of magic to turn the guy good?

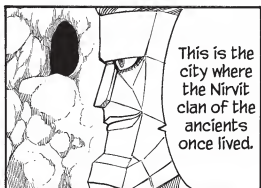
You're kidding, right?!!

It's a world of love!

Be at ease... He's become an ally.



There were wars all over the world some four hundred years ago.

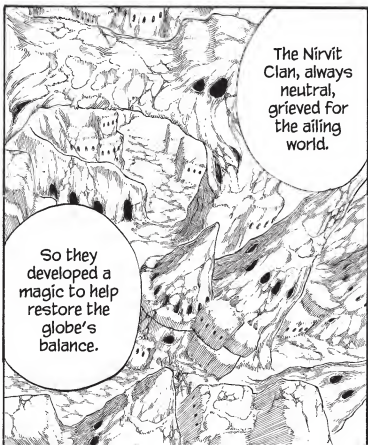


This is the city where the Nirvit clan of the ancients once lived.



A *hyper-magic* that would exchange light and darkness.

They gave that magic the name *Nirvana, Land of Peace.*



The Nirvit Clan, always neutral, grieved for the ailing world.

So they developed a magic to help restore the globe's balance.

There's no help for it.... The ancient's probably never included that in their calculations.



But... It'd be great magic if it didn't have the light-turning-to-dark part!

That's pretty ironic... Giving Nirvana the name "peace." Right now... it's being used as a tool of evil.



We must stop this without a moment to spare.

No matter the past, now that it has started moving, we have trouble.

Well, duh!

Right!

Strong magics are bound to have strong side effects.

While he is, he may not use other magic. That is the chance to attack.

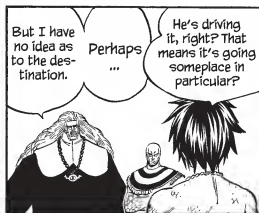
Brain will likely be in the central King's Hall controlling it.



!!!

That's true.

I am the only one who knows what my father is thinking.



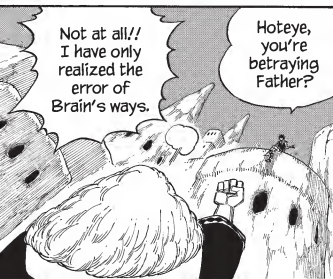
But I have no idea as to the destination.

Perhaps ...

He's driving it, right? That means it's going someplace in particular?



Midnight
?!!



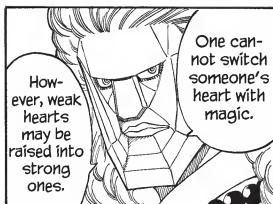
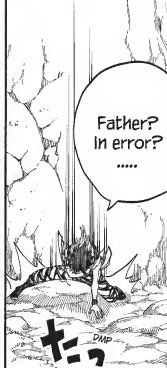
Not at all!! I have only realized the error of Brain's ways.

Hoteye, you're betraying Father?



The one who was always asleep!!

The Oración Sels?





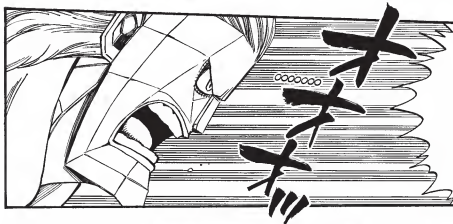
You all, please
go to the
King's Hall!!!



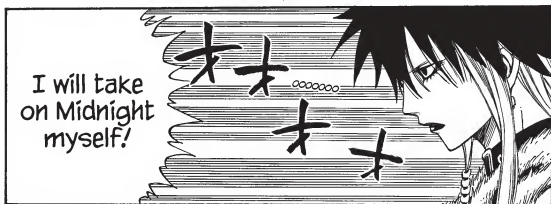
Hoteye just
liquefied
the ground
below us
and saved
our lives.

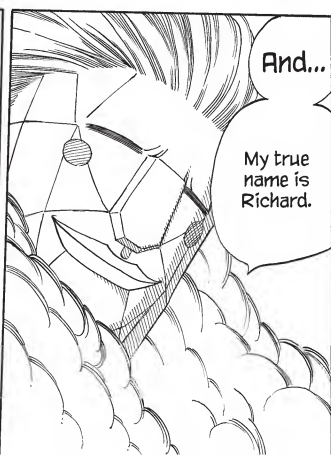
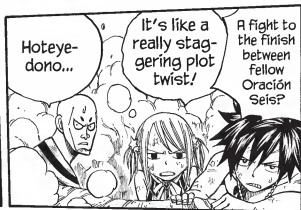
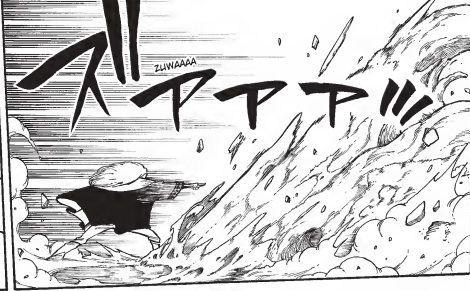


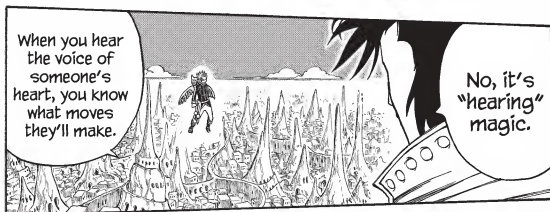
All
Oración
Seis are
of equal
power!!!

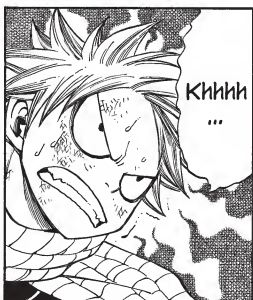
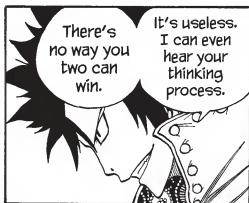
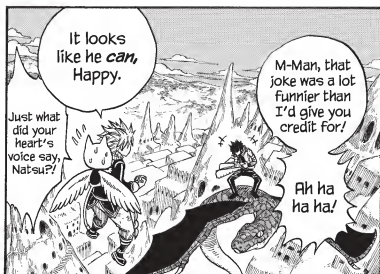


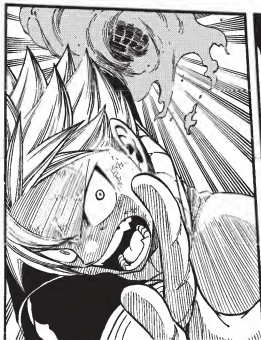
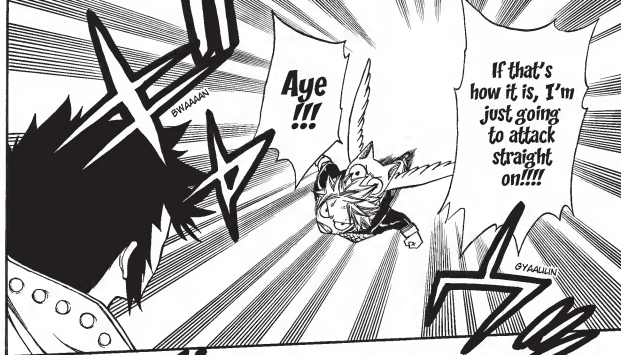
I will take
on Midnight
myself!

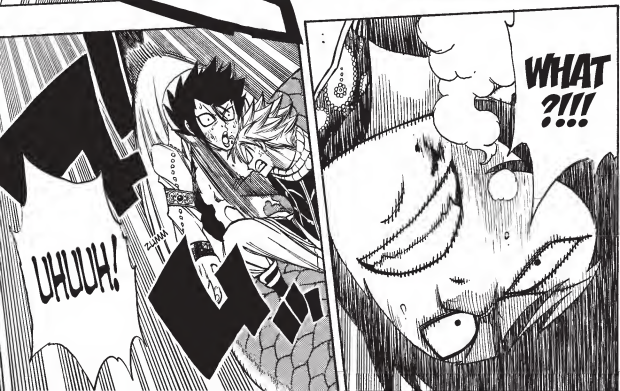






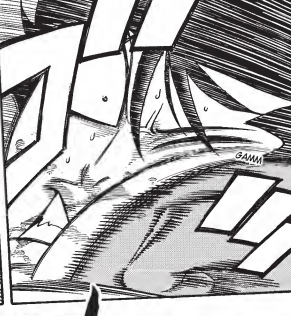






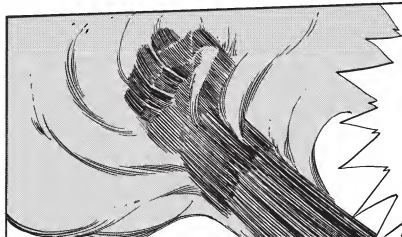


This is
impos-
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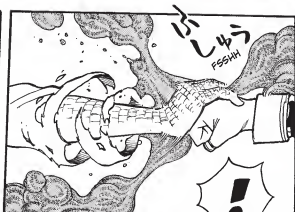
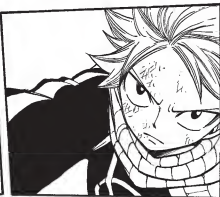
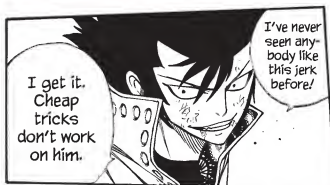
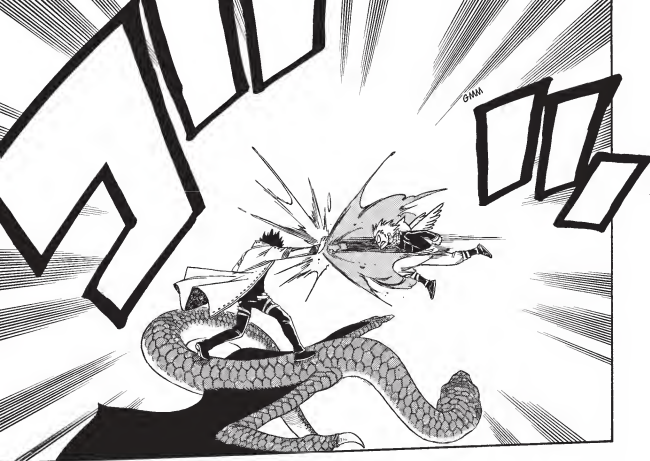


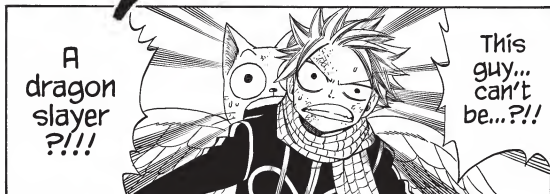
He isn't
thinking
anything
!!!!

He...!!!!



Chha
aaaaa
ahhh
!!!



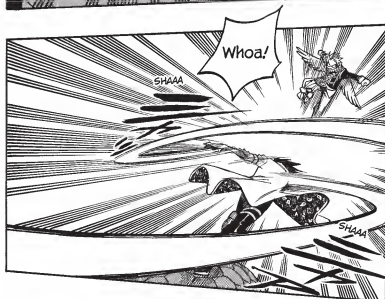




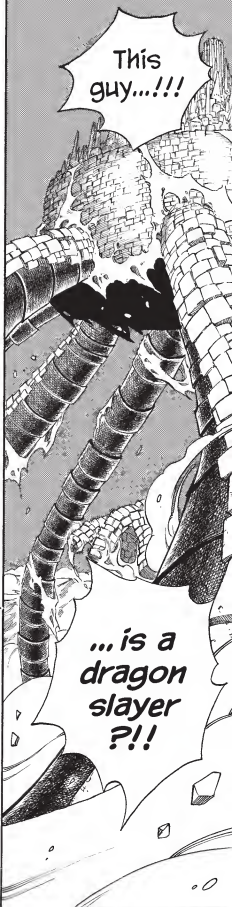
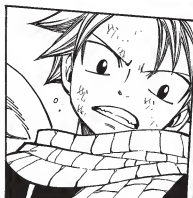
Chapter 150: Dragon's Roar



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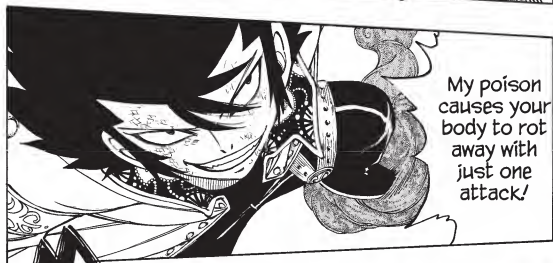


Whoa!

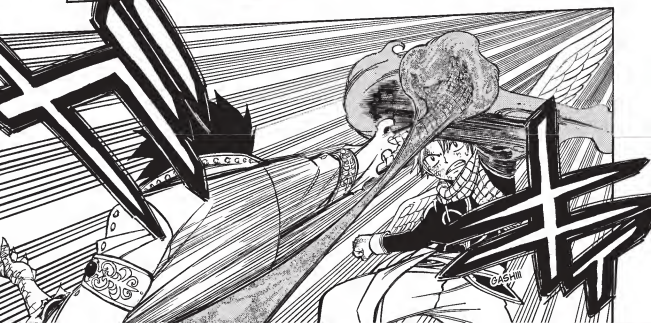


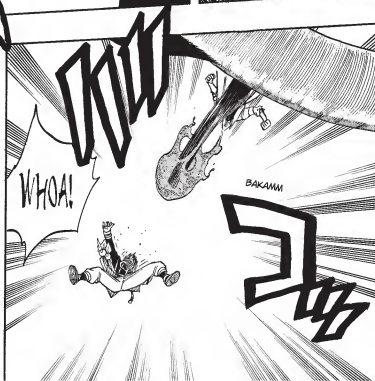
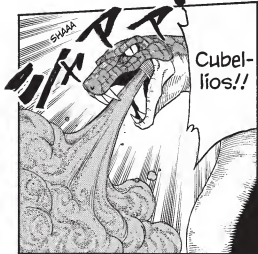
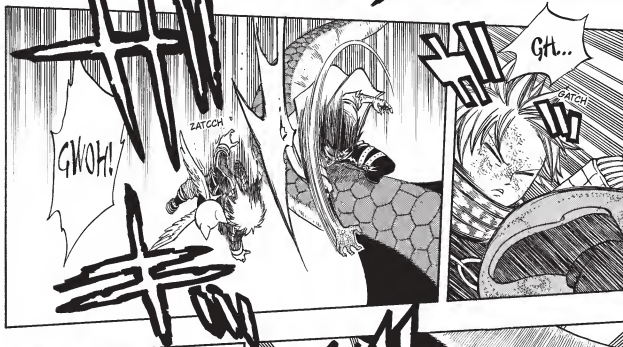
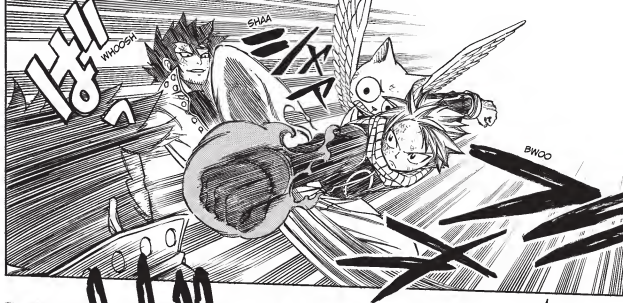
This
guy...!!!

...is a
dragon
slayer
?!!



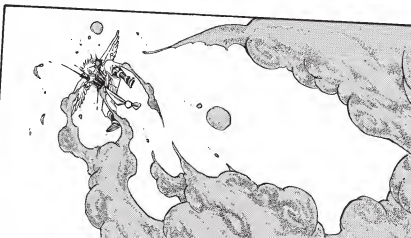
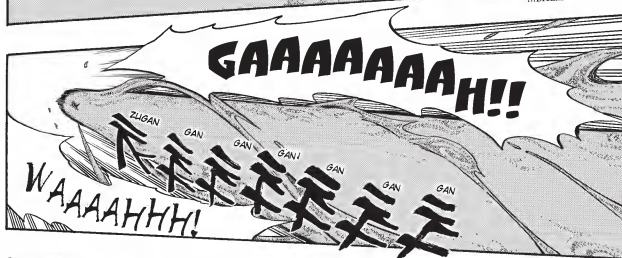
My poison
causes your
body to rot
away with
just one
attack!







...Breath





I could hear your attack!

WHOOSH

KARYŪ
NO
YOKU-
GEKI*
!!!!

BUGWOOSH

*Fire Dragon's Wing Slash

You old-generation dragon slayers can take it, huh?

Still, I'm surprised you can muster that much of an attack after taking my poison.

Dammit
...!!

...I managed to get the power to hunt down dragons! I'm a new-generation dragon slayer!

I'm one who took a dragon lacrima into my body, and with it...

Old generation?

From my perspective, you're the suspicious one!

This magic is meant for dragons to kill each other! No way a human can learn it!

Real?



He's just like Laxus!!!

He isn't a *real* dragon slayer!!



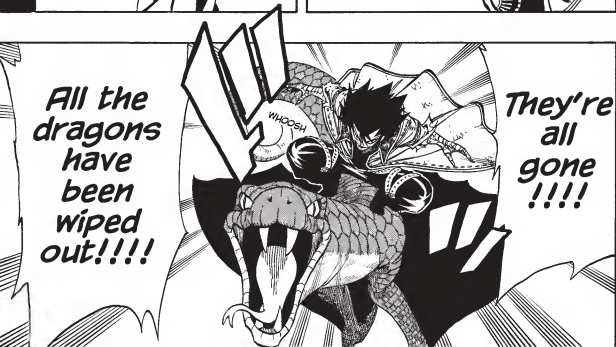
Igneel is out there somewhere!!!!



After all, there aren't any dragons in the world.



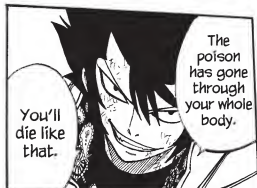
All the dragons have been wiped out!!!!



They're all gone!!!!

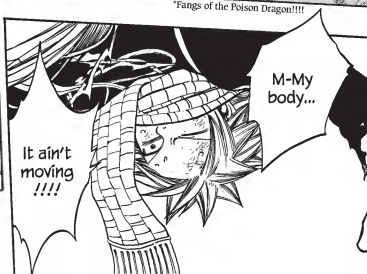


*Fangs of the Poison Dragon!!!!



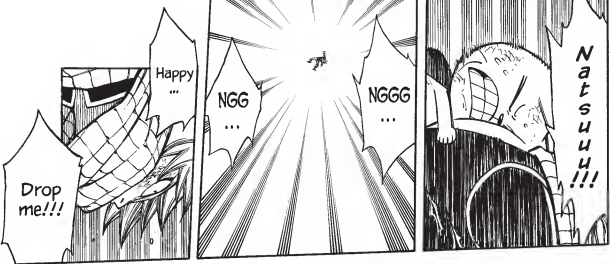
You'll die like that.

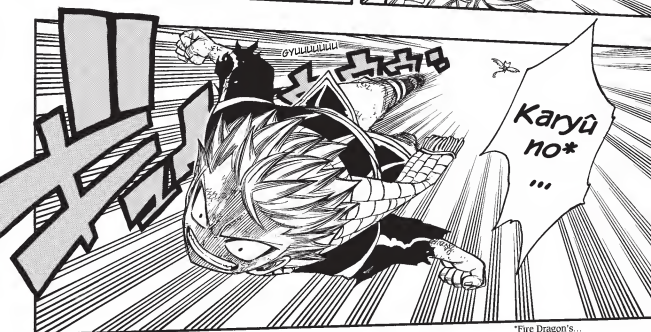
The poison has gone through your whole body.



It ain't moving!!!!

M-My body...

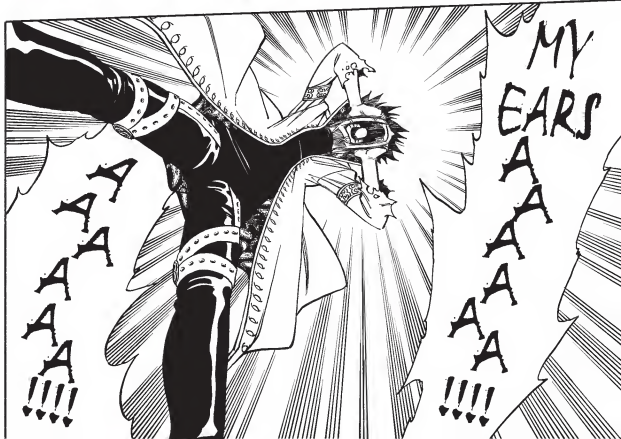
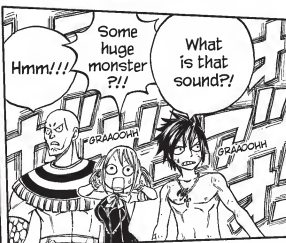
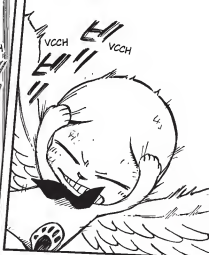
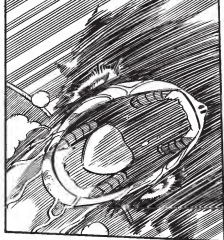


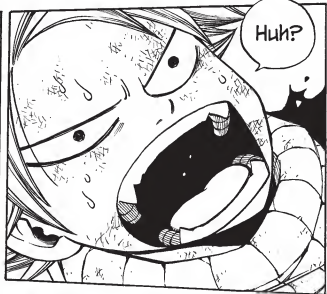
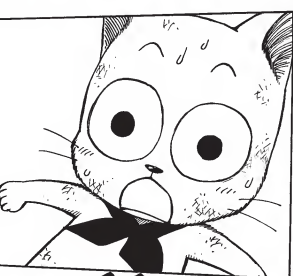
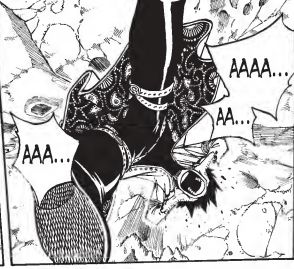
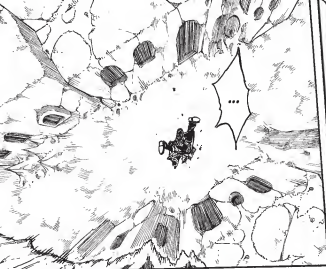








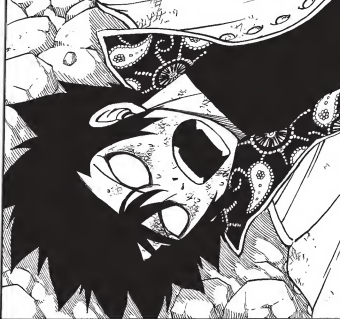






That was
one loud
yell.

Y-
Yeah...



わははははは...
AH HA HA HA HA HA...

It
wasn't
planned.

W-Well, when
you hear too
good, that
gives me ideas
too!

And it
went just as
planned!!



What kind
of wizard
is that
boy...?!



He
can take
Cobra
down with
just a
loud yell?

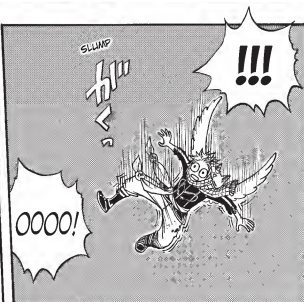
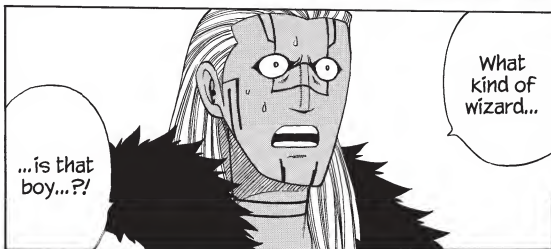
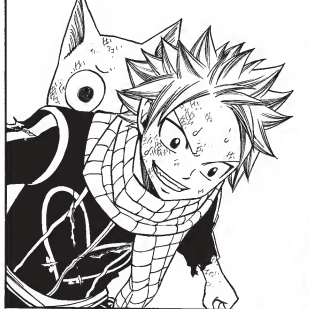
Impos-
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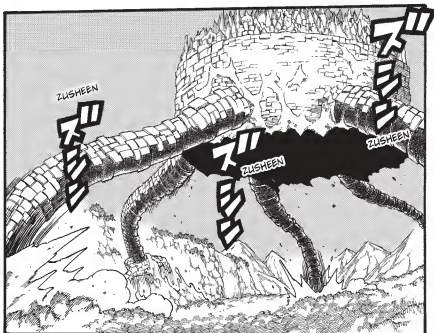
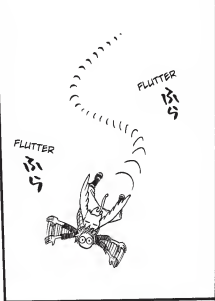
FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル



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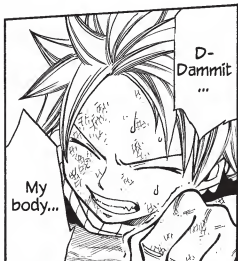






DIE

...



D-Dammit

...

My
body...



For the
pride of
the six
demons...

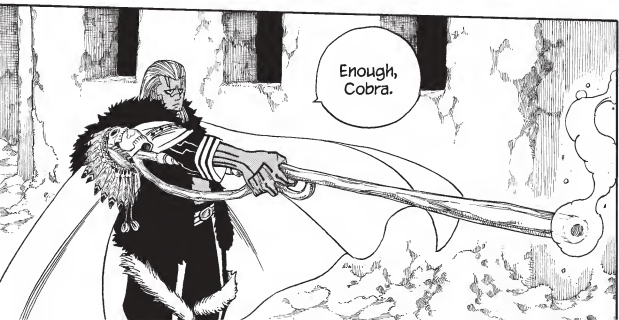
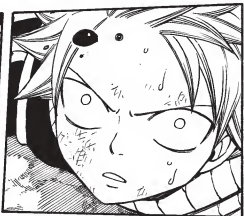
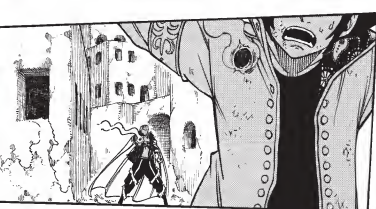
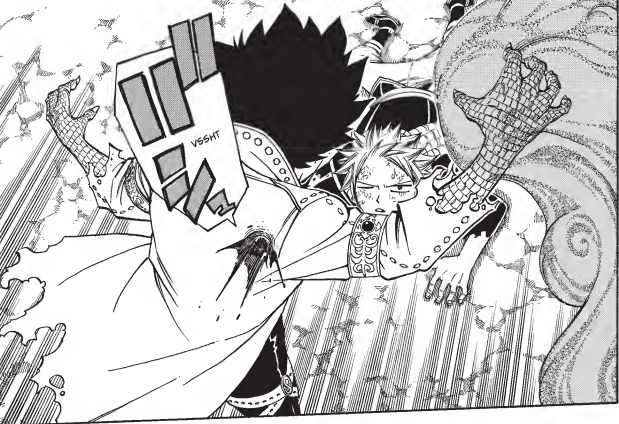
...I
have to
take you
down...

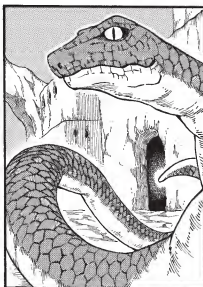
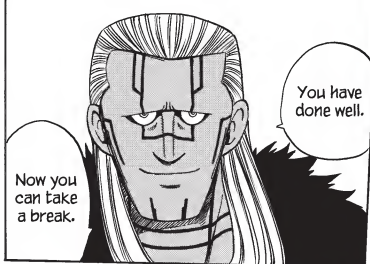
HAAH

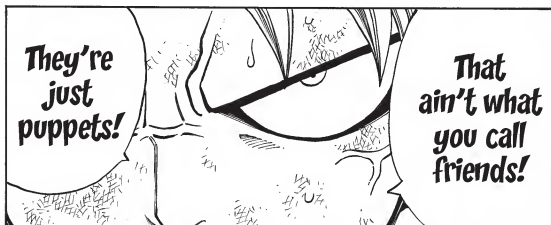
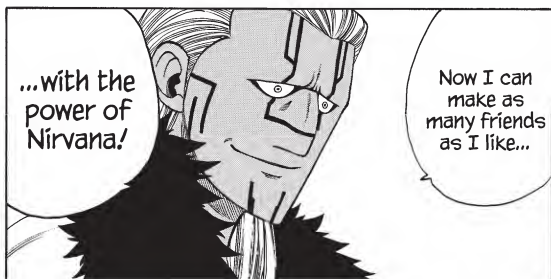
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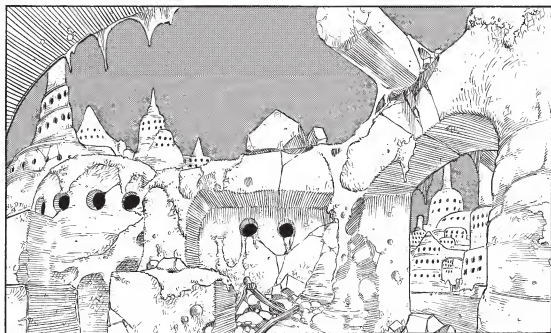
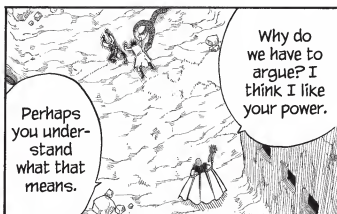


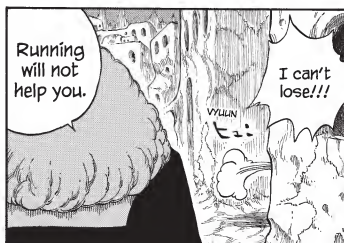
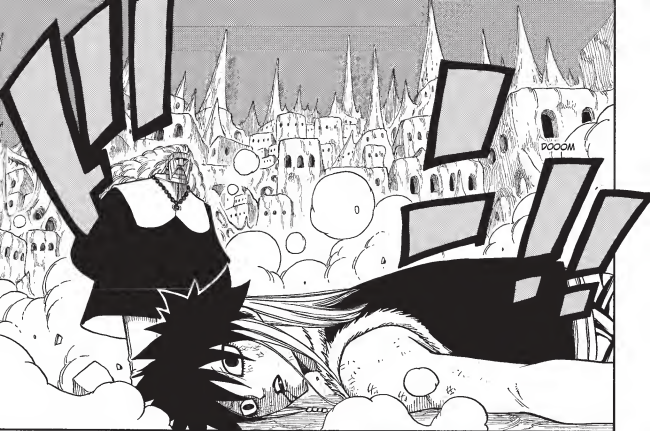
Look
at the old-
generation
dragon
slayer now
...!!!!

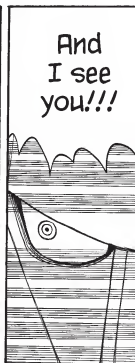
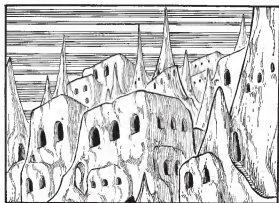
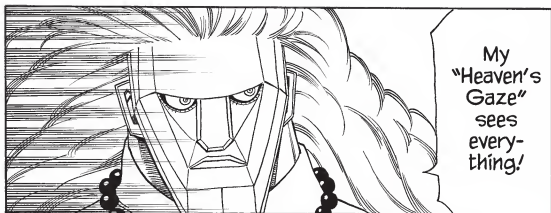


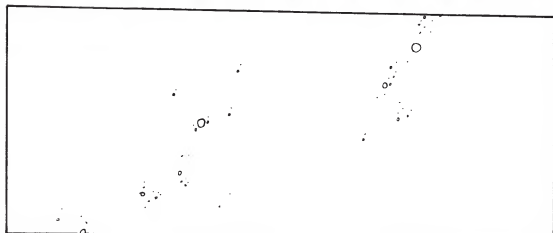
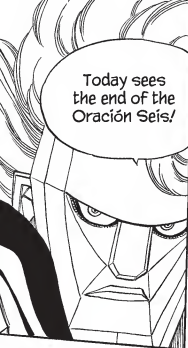


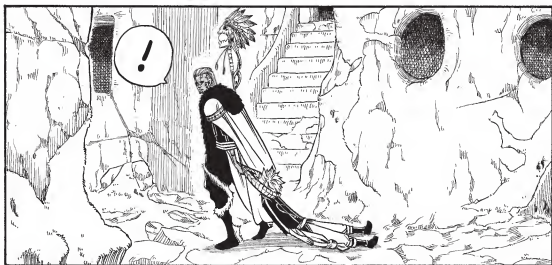






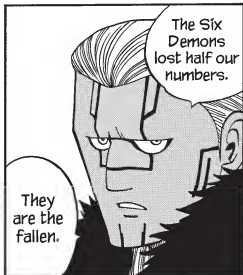








I claim this man
in order to build
a new Oración
Seis.



The Six
Demons
lost half our
numbers.

They
are the
fallen.



Nirvana will send
his heart into
darkness, and
then he'll be my
right hand.



Natsu'll never
do what you
want!!

I thought this'd
happen someday,
but he's actually
been scouted by
a dark guild!



You
still have
enough
strength
to do
that?!!

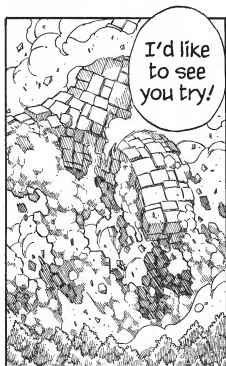
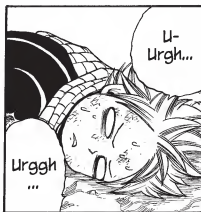
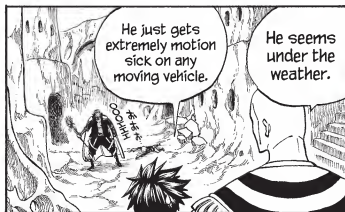
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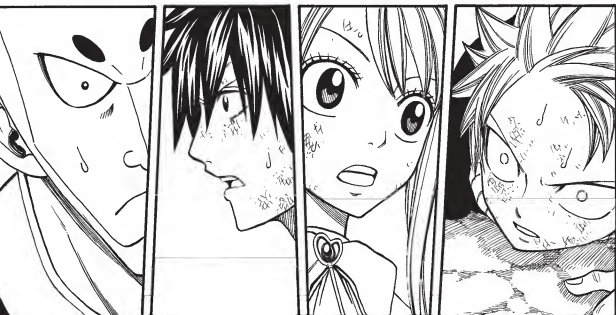


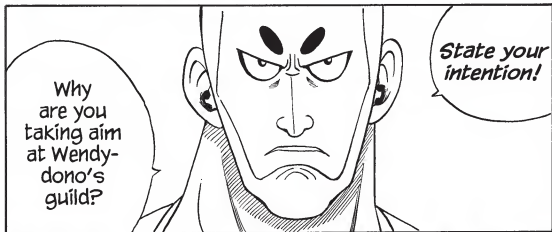
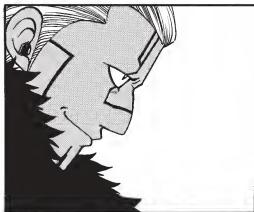
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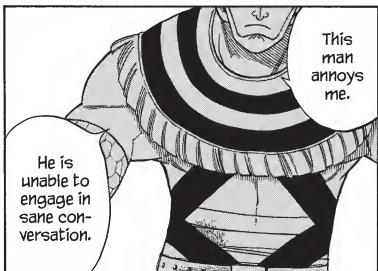
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gonna
happen!

GRUNCH



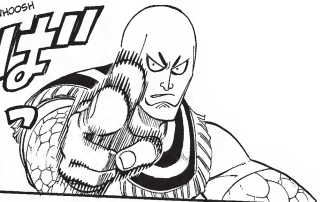


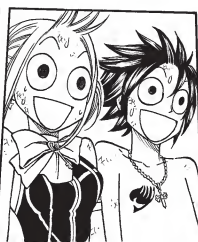


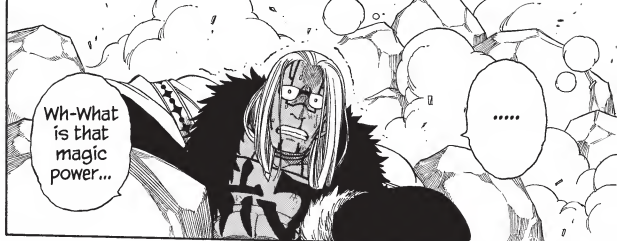


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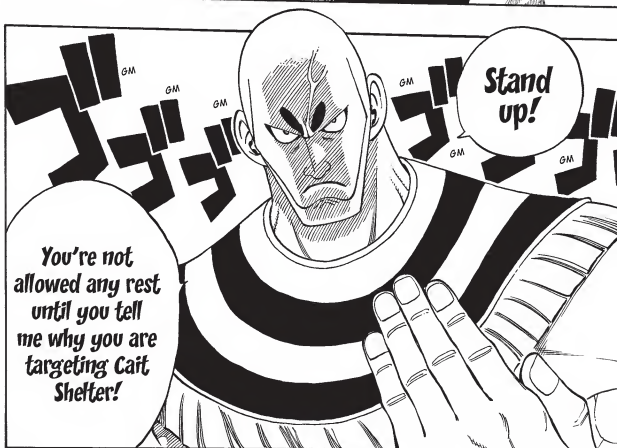






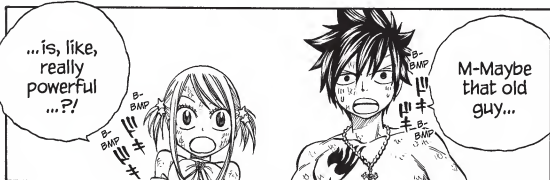
Wh-What
is that
magic
power...

.....



**You're not
allowed any rest
until you tell
me why you are
targeting Cait
Shelter!**

**Stand
up!**



...is, like,
really
powerful
...?!

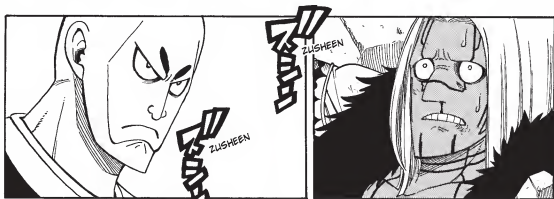
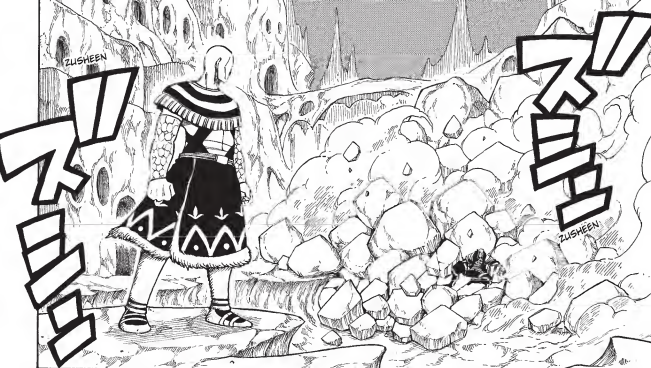
M-Maybe
that old
guy...

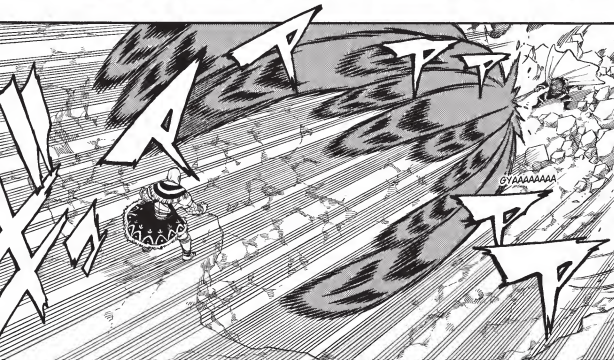
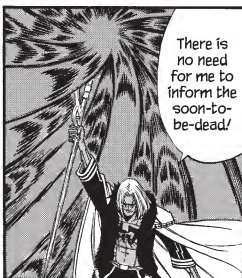
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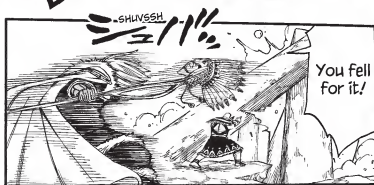
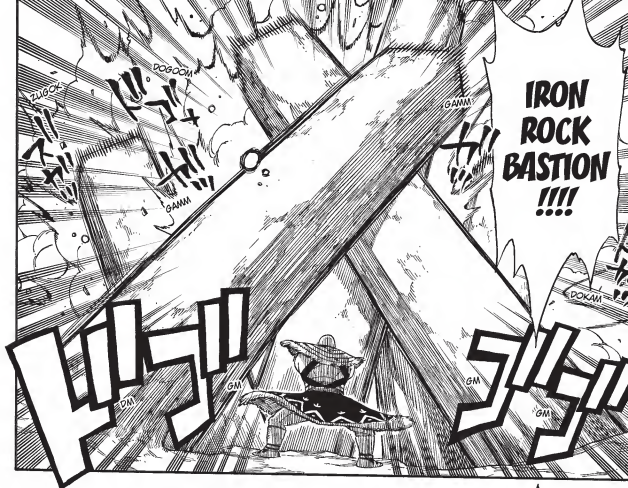
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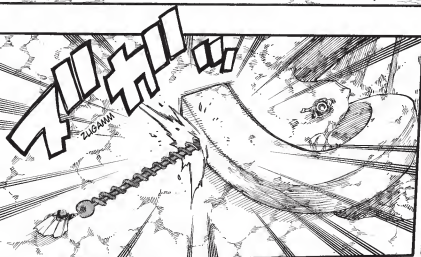
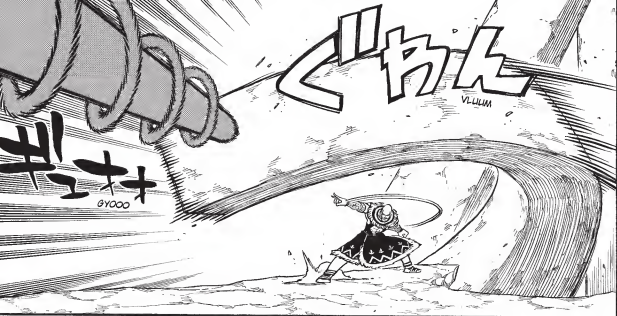


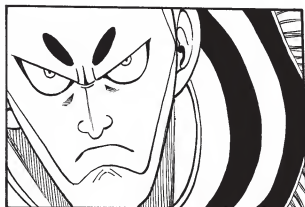
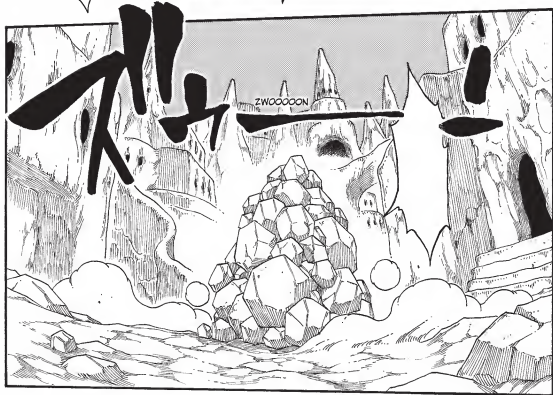
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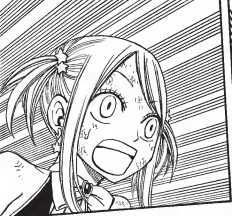




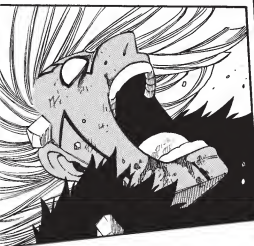








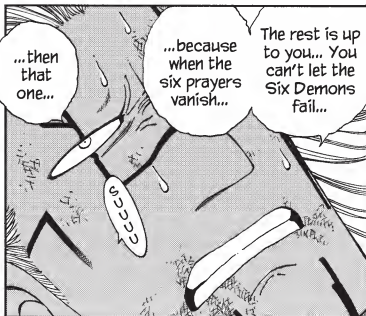
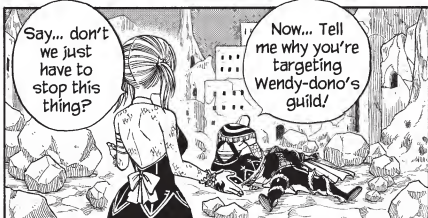
That
explains
why even
Lyon
uses the
"gay"
honorific
for him!



**U
W
A
A
A
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!!!**



**CONQUEROR
ROCK-
BUSTER
!!!!
....**





D-Don't say creepy things!

Now I'm going to have nightmares about it...



Wait... Didn't one of this guy's face markings just disappear?



"That one"?

HEY!!



This city... it may be heading for our guild!!!!



Wendy ?!

Everybody, we've got trouble!

I knew you people would be behind all this destruction.



The snake guy is passed out over there too.

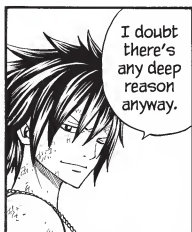
EEEE!!



Eh?



I think so, but it's okay now.

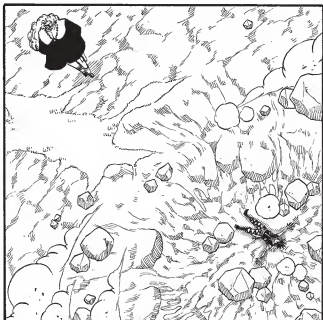
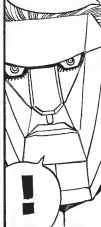




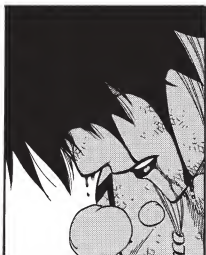
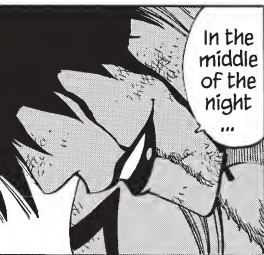
You have
dreams, too.



I'm...
having a
dream.



In the
middle
of the
night
...







... see
your
face
again
...

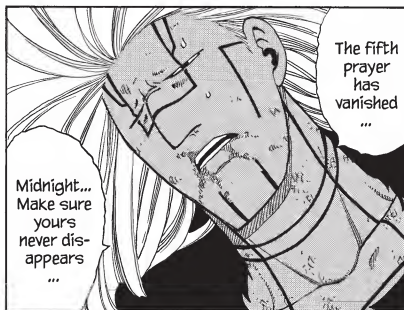
Just
one
more
time, I
wanted
to...



Brother...



My
prayer...



Midnight...
Make sure
yours
never dis-
appears
...

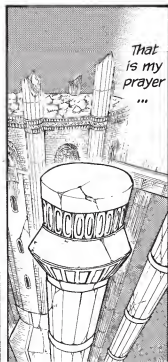
The fifth
prayer
has
vanished
...



Hm...

What is
this?

What's
going
on...?



That
is my
prayer
...

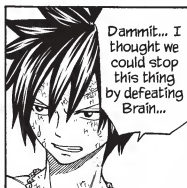


S-So how
are we going
to stop it?

There is
nothing
here that
looks like
controls
!!!!



We were
naïve...
Thinking
we knew
how to
stop it!



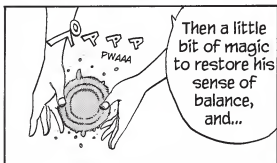
Dammit... I
thought we
could stop
this thing
by defeating
Brain...



Nnn...



Motion
sickness
?



Then a little
bit of magic
to restore his
sense of
balance,
and...

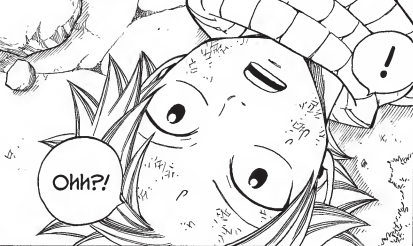


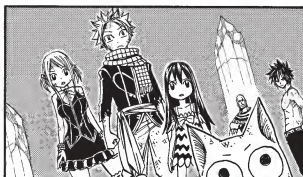
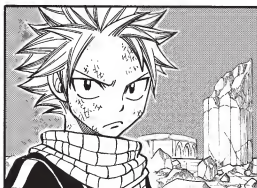
Natsu gets
motion sick
really easily.

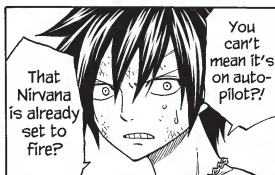
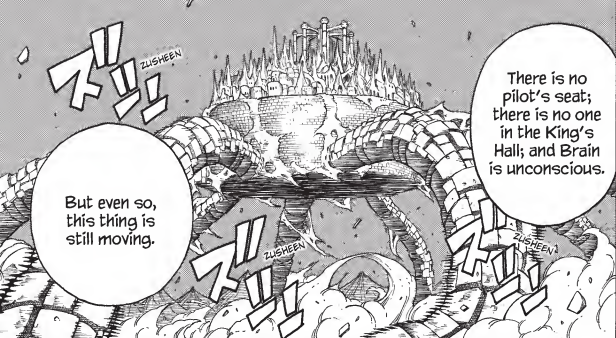
What's the
matter? I did
my anti-poison
spell on Natsu-
san, but...

Pathetic!

OHOOH
...









TO BE CONTINUED

Afterword

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Urano Metoria!! ...Also, Natsu and Happy's mid-air battle!!! Jura's good!! So, with all that, how was Volume 18 for you? Of it all, the Natsu and Happy mid-air battle was something I always wanted to do, and this might be the very first time that Happy has taken part directly in a battle. Actually, with the arrival of Carla, my concept of Happy has undergone a huge change. I can't say anything now, but at some point I'd like to draw the "Happy Chapter." (Such a pleasant name, huh?) Someday.

Now, I never did any calculations to make this happen, but before this one, all of the story arcs have taken about three volumes of the graphic novels to come to an end. But this Oración Seis arc started in 16, and now it's 17 and 18, and it's looks like it's going to continue well into (through?) volume 19. It's probably because there are so many characters, but while I'm drawing, I always seem to forget somebody. Normally, it'd only be Happy that I forget! (Laughs.) And this time, I've completely and fully forgotten Ichiya-sama. That guy... Maybe he'll get to play his part after this... So I'd like to take this opportunity to put up a top-five list of the things I've forgotten.

No. 5: Just as I said above, the existence of Happy. (Sorry! I won't forget again!)

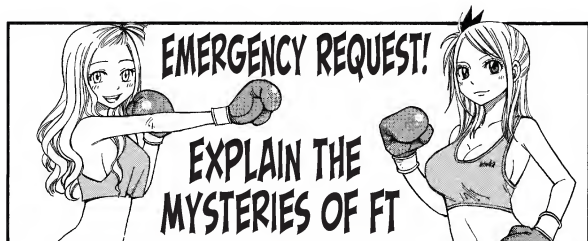
No. 4: Rings and necklaces from a wide variety of characters. (Look for them...On the other hand, you don't have to look.)

No. 3: Scars from a wide variety of characters (especially Gray's big scar).

No. 2: What Erza's armor looks like. (It's a secret that the design changes every time she appears.)

No. 1: People's faces and names. (Really! I'm so sorry!)

Recently, I've been receiving business cards from all sorts of people. At a recent party, in one day, I received some 50 cards. But I'm terrible at remembering who gave them to me. If I meet you a number of times, I'll remember, but... I'm just a failure as an adult...



At the Fairy Tail Gym



: Hah! Hyaah! Hup!



: Puuunch!!

Lucy: So, as you see, today we're coming to you from the gym inside the guild.

Mira: Puuunch!!

Lucy: First question.

If Racer only slows the rest of the world down, how come Brain praised his speed?



Mira: Simple flattery, perhaps.



: But he did actually deliver the coffin in only one hour, right?

Mira: True. But it just had to be close by to start with.

Lucy: What would it be close for?



: Puuunch!!



: Ow!

Mira: Next question!

Lucy: I've got a bad feeling about our corner this volume...

If Angel had Gemini turn into Erza or Midnight, wouldn't they have made quick work of Lucy?



Mira: You lucked out there, Lucy.

Lucy: Th-That's true... I wonder why she didn't.



: Just chance, right?



: If she had used Ichia's perfume that destroys people's will to fight, it could have been a real problem too.

Mira: I know! Once somebody changes into Ichia once, they never want to do it again!

Lucy: They changed into Gray and me twice, but they never changed into Erza even once.



: Puuunch!!



: That's exactly the bad feeling I had!!

Mira: Kilick!!

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Continued from the left-hand page.

Lucy: Would you please stop doing that? You're not planning on beating me up to cover our shame for the entire column, are you?



: All of the rules and limitations of Gemini will be explained at a later date.



: Really?



: Maybe.



: ...

Mira: And the next question.

Is Hibiki's magic the Internet?



Lucy: "Internet"?

Mira: It's something close to what people call the Internet in the reader's world.

Lucy: What is it supposed to be?

Mira: Sorry, I don't know much about it myself.

Lucy: He said it was about compressing data and transferring it to others faster than it would take to tell them.

Mira: Puuunch!!



: Ow!!



: Is that what it means?



: Is that what *what* means?!!

Mira: Then here's the final question.

I really didn't like how Cobra was defeated.



Puuunch!!



: W-Wait just a second, Miras-san!! You can't go punching the readers!!

Mira: There are some things that are best left untouched.

Lucy: Well, of the Oración Seis characters, he's pretty popular. And that way of being defeated was disappointing.



SATAN SOUL!



: Nooooo!!!



: Let's be adults about this, Lucy. Sometimes it's good for a wizard to go out that way.

Lucy: R-Right!

Mira: Besides, it's pretty cool! I'm sure he'll go down in legends as

THE GUY WHO WAS DEFEATED BY A LOUD YELL!



: For something going unsaid, you just said it pretty loud!!

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Osaka, Maragot

▼ So what is Mira-chan doing these days?



Gumma Prefecture, Kiseki Pien

▼ So who gave him the Mickey on his cheek?



Mie Prefecture, Ryl Saisuya

▼ I love seeing a sparkly Erza every row and again.



Tokyo, Saccam

▼ Lucy and Happy have become one!



Kanagawa Prefecture, Nakajima

▼ His time to shine is coming...maybe.



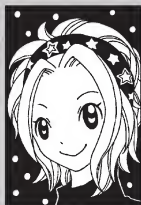
Tokyo, Older sister in the strongest sister (sister)

▼ A fan from my previous series! Thank you!



Chiba Prefecture, Seiji Ogura

▼ There were a lot of letters coming in! Thanks so much! Keep watching, everybody!



Mie Prefecture, Choro

▼ Lucy-chan! She gets a lot bigger part in the same and games!!



Ots Prefecture, Momoko Azuma

▼ The letters of support for Wendy don't let up.



Hyama Prefecture, Asako Matsura

▼ Everybody's costumes have been stitched!! Weired!!



Nagato Prefecture, I Love the Mountains

▼ Sexy Uria arrives!!



Hyogo Prefecture, Kozumi

▼ This is an incredibly rare couple.



Osaka Prefecture, Yokoichi Yano

▼ Is this Booby? That's Booby? That's Booby? That's Booby?

REACTION CORNER

○ Any letters and post cards you send means that your personal information such as your name, address, postal code, and other information you include will be handed over, as is, to the author. When you send mail, please keep that in mind.



Aichi Prefecture, Tatsuka Nooi

▼ And what's going to happen in the love story (Grimoire)?



Kanagawa Prefecture, Hashimotochi

▼ Are these two people (Grimoire) buddies or (Grimoire)?

FROM HIRO MASHIMA



This is a photo of my Tokyo Game Show event. I go every year just to have fun, but this time I was a part of an event. It was a slightly surreal feeling.

I'm sure some of you out there are aware of it, but *Fairy Tail* will soon come out as a game. It's actually a lot of fun. I'm really looking forward to its release!!

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 19, Tetrabiblos

The founder of the Ptolemaic system, Claudius Ptolemy, wrote a four-part book series describing the heavens called the Tetrabiblos – The Four Books. One of the most important works of ancient astrology, the Tetrabiblos describes the constellations of the zodiac and their astrological influence on the world. Within the system, the Earth was a fixed point with the heavens spinning around it in complicated circles-within-circles. Its view of the universe was adopted by the Catholic Church until the time of Galileo and Copernicus some 1500 years after Ptolemy's writings.



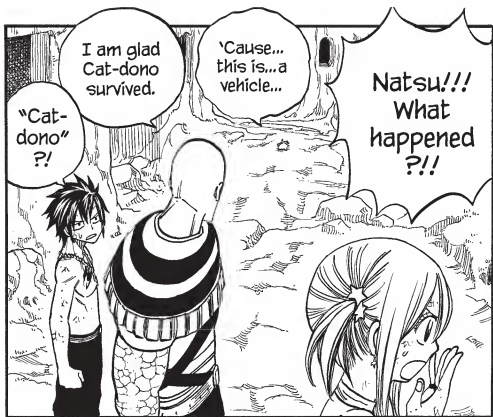
Page 19, 88 Stars of the Heavens

Looking up at a night sky, you'd realize there are far more than 88 stars. What this is referring to is the 88 official constellations that astronomers use to divide and chart the night sky. Each constellation represents a region of the sky and is based on the ancient Greek charts of the heavens.



Page 158, Cat-dono

The honorific, -dono comes from the word tonon which means 'lord'. So calling someone by that honorific is like adding a 'my lord' to the name. Like some very polite people add the honorific -sama to every name they utter, Jura adds -dono to names. But still, cats are usually given 'cute' honorifics like -chan, and only sometimes jokingly referred to as -san. Adding such a respectful honorific as -dono to a cat's name would surprise any listener.



Page 169, Dark Rondo

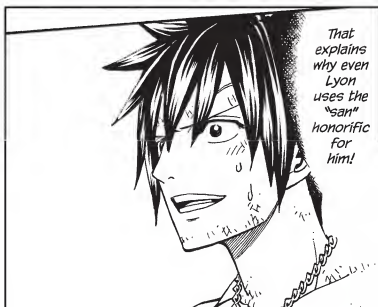
As described in the notes for Volume 16, 'Rondo' means a theme that is repeated many times in music.

Page 169, Dark Capriccio

Like Rondo, Capriccio is a musical term describing a piece of music that is lively, bright, and free-form. It's taken from the same root word as the English word 'capricious' comes from, which indicates that it is music performed at the musician's whim. The form was most popular among 17th century keyboard musicians.

Page 175, Lyon uses "san"

As you might note from the portrayal of Lyon in the manga, Lyon doesn't use honorifics very often because he does not think many people are worthy of his respect. So when Lyon uses the honorific, -san, for Jura, it shows more respect than Lyon is likely to give anyone else. For normal people, -san is a normal honorific that can be applied to nearly everyone, but for someone like Lyon, the use of -san is like the use of -sama for anyone else.



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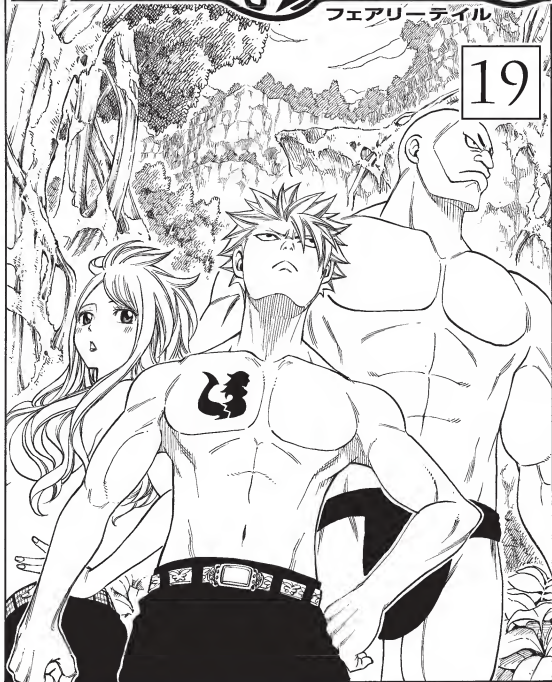
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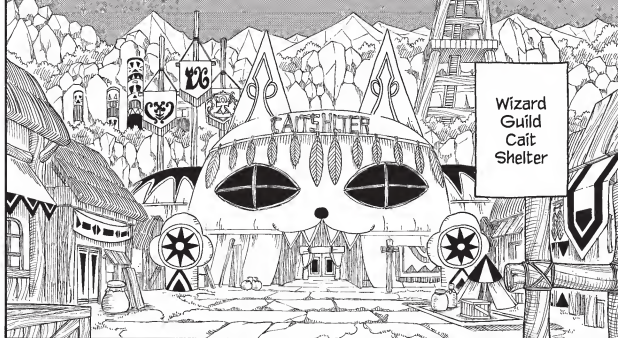
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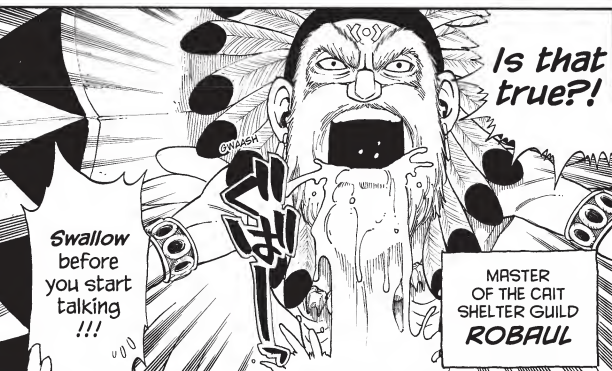
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**Chapter 153, Counter Attack in
the Middle of the Night**

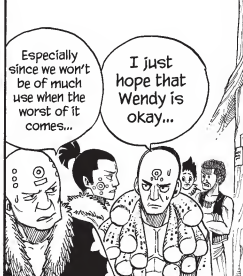






Be at ease!

Will you just drink it first?!



Especially since we won't be of much use when the worst of it comes...

I just hope that Wendy is okay...



YEAH!



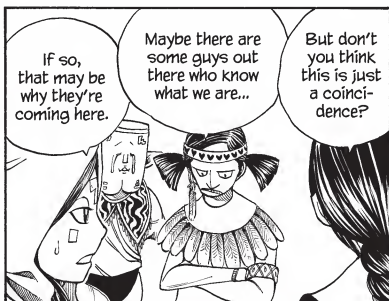
The magic of light is alive and well!

And it's shining nabura bright!



Nabura ...

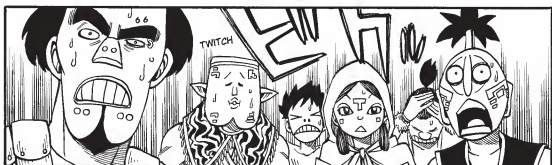
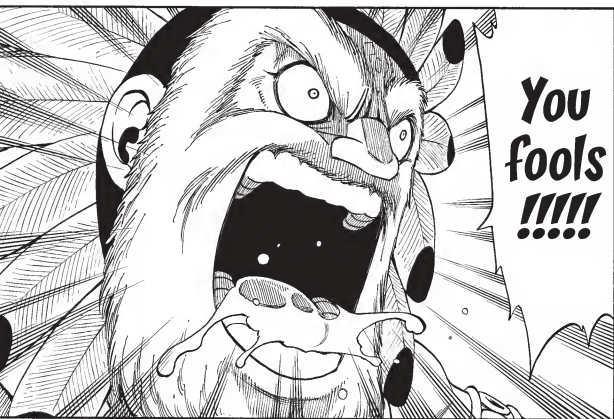
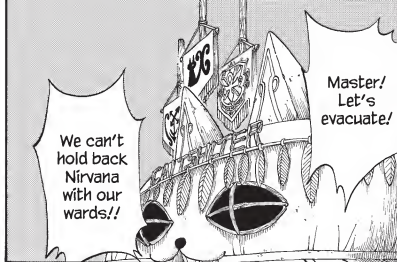
We've been with you for a long time, but even now, we have no clue as to what "nabura" means!

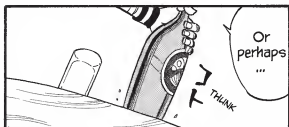
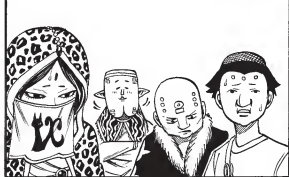


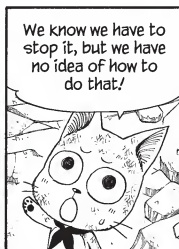
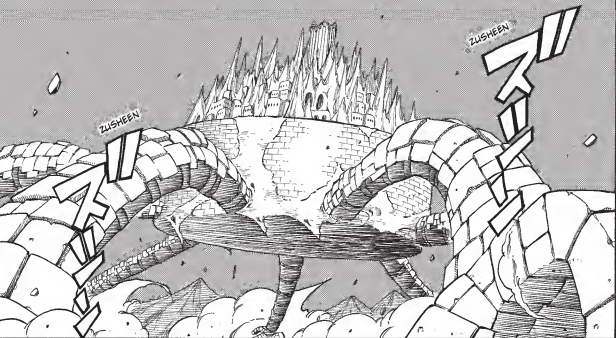
If so, that may be why they're coming here.

Maybe there are some guys out there who know what we are...

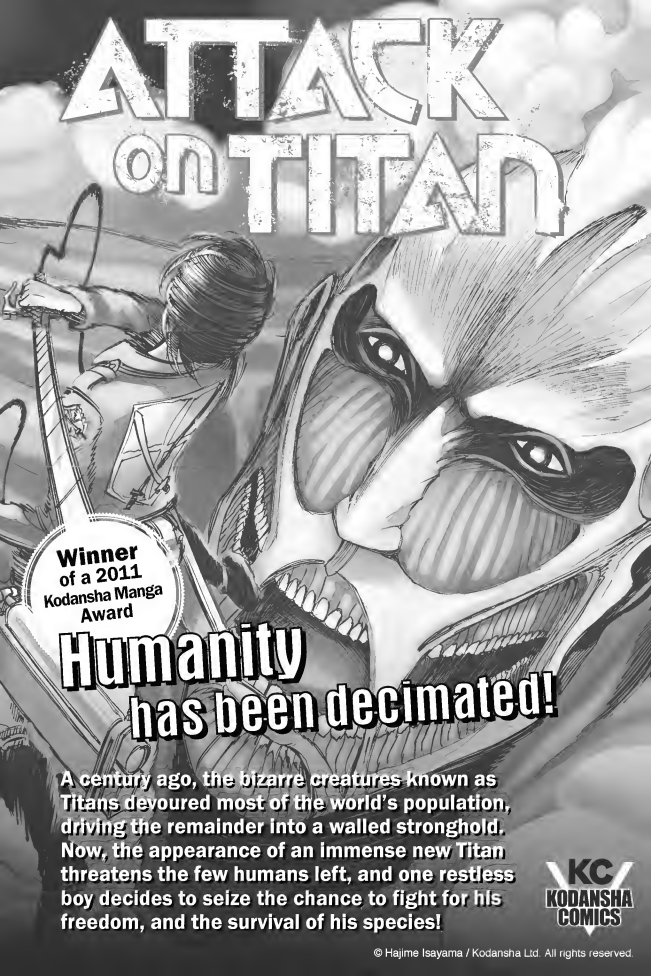
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